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Handmade happiness

FITS LIKE A GLOVE: William Joyner tries out his new robotic hand created by experts at the University of Bedfordshire

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A football mad schoolboy who was born without a left hand joyfully declared this week: 'I love my hand', after trying out a new, state-of-the-art robotic hand.

William Joyner, who lives in Paulerspury near Towcester and dreams of being Britain's first disabled professional footballer, was born without a fully formed left hand.

But just four months ago, the eight-year-old - who only has a palm on his left hand - was able to fist bump his mum and hold a pen for the first time using a prototype created by experts at the University of Bedfordshire.

And this week, he tried on his new permanent prosthesis - which has been decked out in blue and white, the colours of his favourite team Reading FC - which he will finally take home before school restarts next month, following a few adjustments.

"I love my hand, it's much more comfy than the one I tried on before," the Paulerspury School pupil said.

"My friends are really excited for me. I can't wait to take it home and show everyone."

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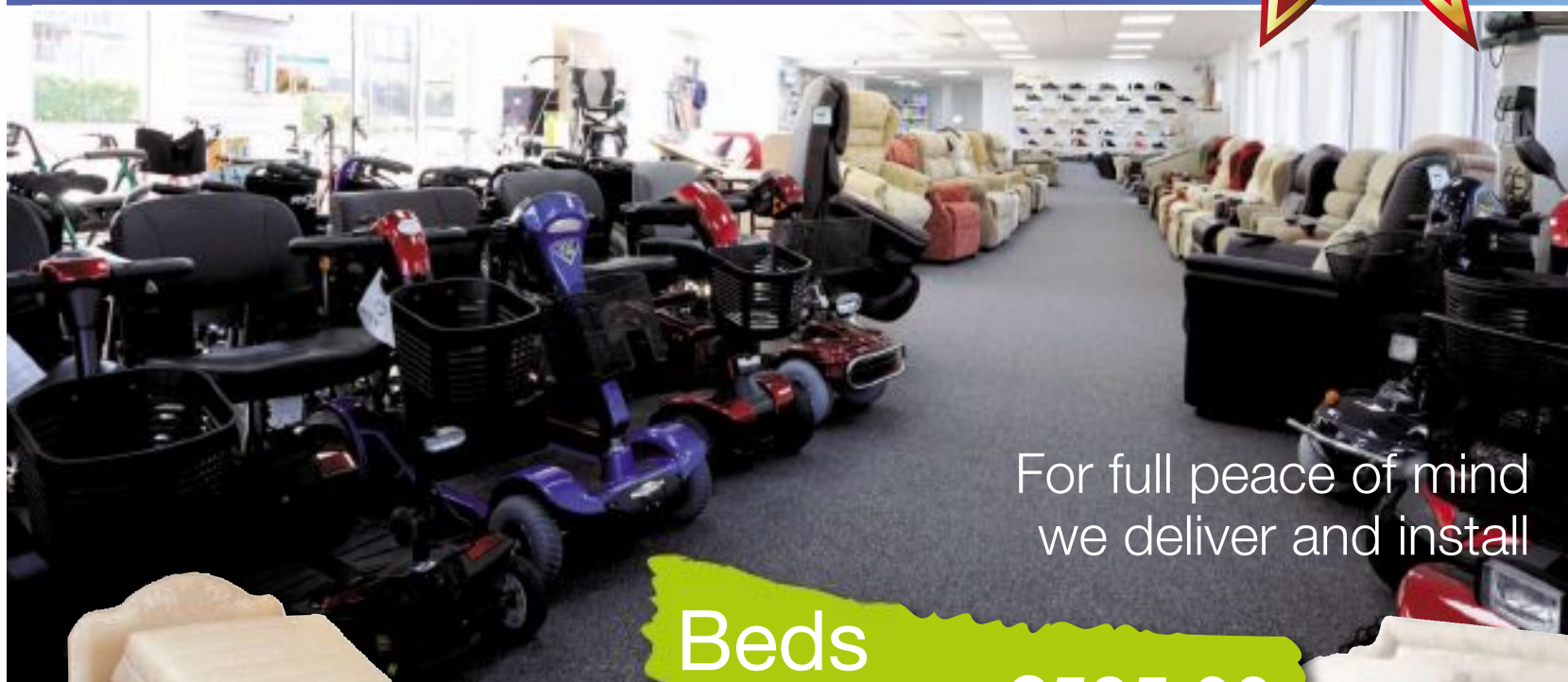
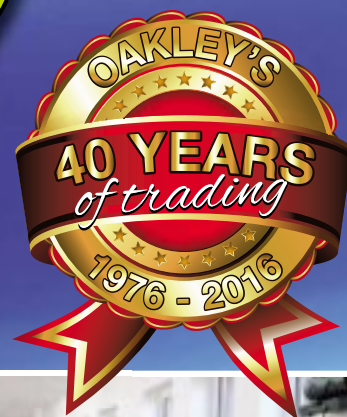
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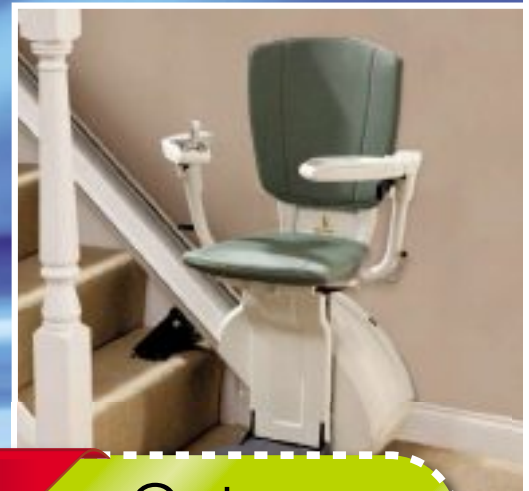
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Where is your favourite spot in the world?

I love nature so it's the British countryside

What was the last thing you broke?

The photocopier at work. I just kept pressing buttons and hoping for the best

If Karen Shakespeare was a drink what drink would she be?

Banana milkshake

What was the name of your teddy bear when you were a child?

Bobtail the rabbit



This week's Text2 Text is with Northampton solicitor, Karen Shakespeare

What is your favourite sandwich?

Cheese, cucumber and ready salted crisps in brown bread

Name one thing you lost and you want back?

My cockatiel

What song makes you emotional or cry?

The Show Must Go On by Queen

Who is the most famous person you have met face to face?

Once had a drink with Mark Owen from Take That

Editor's Letter



New York City v's Northampton – you won't believe it but...

I've been on a secret mission to gather ideas for the comparison article that everyone has been waiting for: New York City versus Northampton Town.

So this is the Big Apple versus the big town.

Yes New York is large, fruity and a good source of sugary energy however it is not natural natural. It is not even supernatural. It is more like hypernatural. It should be called The Big Toffee Apple.

Northampton on the other hand is an embarrassingly large town, it is so big that people are beginning to think the town must have offended someone quite important at some point in its history to not be a city.

We kind of win that round on most appropriate use of the word 'big'.

Park space: Central Park is arguably one of the world's most famous. It is spectacular in lots of ways but is quite a rule-bound place. It is a no smoking zone. I didn't see any 'no shooting' signs however.

One area was reserved for 'passive recreation' – a phrase which somehow sent a shiver down my spine. We are all being conditioned for 'passive recreation' – the sweetspot being where it intersects with 'passive consumption'.

Let's give New York its due. The shopping is good and it is very famous.

Abington Park is not famous but is as feature packed as Central Park: it has water, animals, a museum, a road running through it, Shakespeare's granddaughter lived there and a myth (or is it?) (yes) about a World War One tank being buried there.

And although Central Park is big, as a proportion of the urban space that surrounds it, it might have a fight on its hands with Abington.

Let's just pay New York its due. The shopping is good and it's very famous.

However the traffic is so mad it's a wonder New Yorkers still have the emotional energy to honk their horns.

A lot of people would say the worst thing about Northampton is the traffic. It's a thought, if we could just get that right...

Steve Scoles



NEWS IN BRIEF

Cyclist dies

A 44-year-old cyclist from Wellingborough has died after being in collision with a car on the A509 near Wollaston on Monday.

Karen Cowper was taken to University Hospital Coventry, where she later died.

Hit and run

A 15-year-old girl was hit by a motorbike and left with minor injuries while walking her dog along a path in Thorplands, Northampton, last Thursday. The black and red bike, ridden by two young men, rode off after hitting her on the path.

Teen arrested

Police investigating the disappearance of missing 15-year-old Veronica Shircea from Kettering - who has not been seen for almost three weeks - arrested a 19-year-old man in Corby yesterday. The girl is still believed to be in London.

Bank card theft

Hundreds of pounds were withdrawn from an elderly woman's account after a thief watched her enter her PIN last Thursday at Waitrose in Harborough Road, Northampton, before distracting her and stealing her card.

Forget walkies ...time for taxis

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A taxi company is now offering a 'dog friendly' service in which it can pick up customers and their four-legged friends - despite most of its drivers voting against the idea.

Bounds Taxis, which is based next to North Gate bus station in Northampton town centre, says it canvassed all of its 350 drivers over the idea of allowing dogs in their cars, and that 15 per cent (52) agreed.

As a result the firm says it will now be carrying out the service at a charge of £3 per fare, although only the drivers which agreed will be offering to do so.

Meanwhile the 298 drivers which voted against the idea will continue not allowing dogs

EARLS BARKTON PLEASE:
Bounds Taxis is now offering a dog service



in their cars.

After the company announced the news on Facebook, several people voiced their disappointment at most of the drivers voting against the idea.

The firm reacted: "This is not a question of having anything against dogs or any other animal. There have been occasions when drivers have been forced to have a full valet after a dog or other animal has been ill in the car."

Assistance dogs for the blind are entitled to travel by taxi.

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Mountain mission for carpenter

Northamptonshire carpenter Peter Fuller is starting a mountain bike ride through the Pyrenees this weekend.

Peter is aiming to cross the mountain range without support taking everything he needs on his bike and stopping in alpine refuges.

He will resupply with local food every two or three days.

Peter is doing the trip as an adventure but is also raising money to fight

cystic fibrosis. He said: "I couldn't let the opportunity pass to raise money for a cause that was important to me which was the cystic fibrosis ward at Leicester hospital that helped a friend of mine."

Peter is a keen mountain biker and takes part in the Northamptonshire Solstice ride every June. He will be updating his progress here:

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Amie Brotherton



Personal playlist with dance teacher Amie Brotherton

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Plug in Baby

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🎵 **Biffy Clyro**
Wolves of Winter

Great song for singing out loud in the car

🎵 **Mary Mary**
Shackles

Reminds me of times spent in Glenvilles as a teenager

🎵 **Dr Dre**
Forget About Dre

This song always comes out at our house at parties, usually about 2am!

🎵 **Spice Girls**
Wannabe

Reminds me of times making up dances and being the Spice Girls in the playground

Victorian pool found at Abbey

Take a plunge

Contractors working on the restoration of Delapre Abbey have discovered an unusual archaeological feature – a Victorian plunge pool.

The revamp has been underway since March last year. The Heritage Lottery Fund has contributed £3.65 million to the £7.2m spend, with most of the remainder coming from Northampton Borough Council.

The Abbey started life as a Cluniac nunnery in the 12th century and has served many purposes since.



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Nerve Pain

There are three types of nerves in the body:

1. **Autonomic nerves.** These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.

2. **Motor nerves.** These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.

3. **Sensory nerves.** These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations.

Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy
- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness

- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different unexpected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

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Deaf footballer is top of her game



WINNER: Claire Stancliffe with World Cup trophy

A deaf footballer has beaten the likes of tennis stars Serena Williams and Heather Watson to be named the Sky Sports sportswoman of the month - earning praise from former Liverpool player Stan Collymore.

Claire Stancliffe, 27, from Wellingborough, who plays as a midfielder for Northampton Town Ladies Football Club and is a coach for Northamptonshire Sport, has recently returned from the Deaf World Cup with a bronze medal.

The footballer - who last year secured a £5,000 donation from Stoke City keeper Jack Butland as part of her fundraising efforts to help send the GB deaf women's football team which she captains to the tournament - found out she had been nominated for July's sportswoman title.

And on Tuesday, Claire - who is deaf and uses a cochlear implant to support her hearing - found out she had been voted the winner out of six nominees, claiming 74 per cent of votes and beating second placed Serena Williams by a big margin.

She told Sky Sports: "It was an absolute honour to be nominated for this award alongside some incredible female athletes, let alone to actually win it. I am very proud and it's a huge step for deaf sports."

Since the win, she has gained praise from many of her friends on social media, as well as from former Liverpool striker Collymore, who tweeted: "Yes!! Well done Claire!!"

India's killer was known to police

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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The 'loner fantasist' who raped and murdered India Chipchase after luring her from a nightclub to his squalid house was known to the police, it has emerged.

Edward Tenniswood, 52, from Northampton, was last week found guilty of killing the 20-year-old in a unanimous verdict which took a jury less than two hours to reach, following a 10-day trial at Birmingham Crown Court. He was jailed for a minimum of 30 years.

It has now emerged the kill-



PRISON: Edward Tenniswood

er - who lived in Stanley Road in St James - was already known to the authorities and was the subject of a separate criminal investigation for an unrelated matter. Police had also made contact with him just two days before Miss Chipchase went missing.

The investigation meant police already had his address, which is how - after recognising him on CCTV footage - officers were able to find him so soon.

And when the missing person report was made, the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) launched an inquiry into the force's response to that report, which then had to be suspended while the murder investigation and trial took place.

But the IPCC says it has now restarted the probe and is also looking into the response and previous contact.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hammer threat



A man threatened staff at McDonald's in Sixfields, Northampton, with a hammer and demanded cash. The incident happened at 11pm on Saturday and the man left with a small amount of money. Police would like to speak to the man pictured above.

Throat grabbed



A staff member at the Smoke Pit restaurant in Northampton was assaulted as she escorted an abusive man outside on June 11. He grabbed the woman's throat as she led him out. Police would like to speak to this man (pictured) who they say may have information.

Helping to wipe out drug driving

Insight into how Northants Police are dealing with drug drivers in the county

Northamptonshire Police is fighting drug driving on the roads 24 hours a day.

They are one of the few forces across the country whose officers are able to test drivers they believe are behind the wheel while under the influence.

In total 100 response officers in Northamptonshire are able to test a driver they believe are taking drugs.

At present the 'drug-wipe' device used by police can only test for cannabis and cocaine.

The test wipes surfaces for traces of drug residue. It may also be used on individuals through their sweat or saliva.

It means officers at the roadside can quickly screen suspected motorists.

If you are found to have used one of the two substances then a blood test will be taken which can

reveal if you have taken other drugs.

PC Dave Lee, who works on the Safer Roads Team across Northamptonshire, said: "Drugs do impact on your driving and people should not do it."

"It does contribute to people getting killed on the roads. Any road traffic death is tragic regardless if it's the victim or the offender."

"The victim usually gets the sympathy but no one deserves to lose their life as the impact is great on all the people that person leaves behind when they are dead."

"Taking drugs and driving does impact on your ability to drive a car or ride a motorbike."

"Those who say I have been taking it for years and I drive better when I smoke cannabis are wrong."

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TESTING: The 'drugwipe' kit police use to test suspected drug drivers in Northamptonshire

"No one who takes drugs wakes up one morning and thinks they are going to kill themselves or someone else."

"People do not think like that but they make a decision and can end up paying a very high price by killing themselves or someone else."

Since the drug driving law changed in March last year it means cops can now catch

more motorists for drug driving.

New offences cover 16 drugs, eight illicit and eight prescription.

These include amphetamine, cocaine, LSD, morphine, oxazepam, diazepam, ketamine, temazepam and lorazepam.

Of the force's testing powers, PC Lee added: "We got the kits in October 2015

and they were rolled out in time for the Christmas drink/drug drive campaign."

"This means there are two officers in each station across the county who have been trained and can use the drugwipe kit."

"As a force we have got the balance right as we can police drug driving issues 24 hours a day seven days a week."

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END OF AN ERA: The Abington Street store closed after the retailer went into administration

BHS store closes down after 60 years

These sad pictures show the desolate shop floor of Northampton town centre's long-running BHS store, after it closed its doors for the very last time.

After six decades in Abington Street, the high street retailer shut down last Wednesday, having served generations of shoppers since

the 1950s. The day after, the only movement inside the empty shell were heartbroken staff taking down shop fixtures as 'everything must go' signs hung from the ceiling.

All that was left were cans of drinks and chocolate bars in its food store - which had only been opened

recently - while promotional banners adorned the floor.

And in the shop window, rather than the traditional sight of mannequins, all that stood out was a poster that read: "This store is now closed."

"The management and staff thank you for your custom."

The store joins 163 BHS stores which are closing down up and down the country after its 11,000 employees found out in April they were going to lose their jobs after the department store chain collapsed into administration.

■ What should replace this store? See page 12.

Cop sacked over criminal partner

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A Northamptonshire Police detective constable who failed to disclose she was in a relationship with a convicted criminal who had served time in prison has been sacked, after 13 years in the force.

DC Anna Chanel Morris, 33, was dismissed without notice last Thursday in a fast-track gross misconduct hearing at Wootton Hall police HQ, which was chaired by chief constable Simon Edens.

It was alleged DC Morris, who declined to attend the hearing, had a relationship with a man who was an ex-convict, and that although she knew she had to tell her supervisor about it, she failed to do so in a timely manner and, when she did, failed to be honest about it.

CC Edens held the hearing in the officer's absence and considered all the available evidence.

He concluded that the officer had breached the standards of professional behaviour expected of a police officer and that the breach was so serious it amounted to gross misconduct.

Taking all the facts into consideration, CC Edens summed up by stating that the most appropriate outcome was dismissal without notice.

He said: "DC Morris breached those standards (of honesty and integrity) and showed her willingness to engage in a relationship with a man who had been convicted of criminal offences."

"Her failure to disclose her

association with this man and her dishonesty once she did is a gross breach in our standards."

"The notifiable association policy is in place to protect officers, the force and the public and DC Morris' failure to follow it meant such protection could not be afforded in this case."

"Attempts to deceive her supervisor and the force have irreversibly damaged the trust she needed as a police constable from her colleagues and the force."

"The public should be able to unequivocally accept the honesty and integrity of a police officer."

"If we no longer have faith in DC Morris' honesty and integrity we cannot expect the public to either."

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Special constable fired for 'friend request'

A special constable has been dismissed following a disciplinary hearing on Monday.

Northamptonshire Police special constable 3626 Daniel Selcraig was the subject of the hearing following a misconduct investigation.

He attended an address to make enquiries into an incident. While there the officer spoke to the partner of the man.

The officer led the partner to believe it was necessary for her to be present when he took a witness statement from the male

and obtained her personal details.

The officer subsequently made contact with the woman via social media by sending her a 'friend request'.

Panel chairman Joseph Spencer concluded the outcome was dismissal without notice.



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Teen dies in sea on family holiday

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A teenager has died following a 'fatal incident' in the sea while on holiday in Canada - just a month after he attended his school's leavers' prom and just before he was due to receive his GCSE results.

Tributes have been pouring in on social media following the shock death of Pelumi Alege, 16, from Northampton, with many describing the Caroline Chisholm student as a 'loving, caring and funny friend'.

He had been on holiday with his family when the tragedy struck last Friday.

Just last month he attended his school's prom at Highgate House where the popular teenager was pictured in a black suit and tie alongside many friends.

Announcing the sad news of his death, one of his friends said on Twitter on Monday via @sav_jack: "On Sunday afternoon, we received some tragic news from Canada that our loving, caring and funny friend, Pelumi passed away last Friday after a fatal incident in the sea."

"Our thoughts and deepest love goes out to him and his family during this time. It's a tough situation to accept for everyone but we now know he's in a better place."

"His positive and funny outlook on everything has rubbed off on each and every one of us and he will be deeply missed."

"We love you brother."

Pelumi and his other friends at Caroline Chisholm, a secondary school located in the Wootton Fields area of town, had been due to receive their GCSE results later this month.

Another tribute to the teenager on Twitter was from Alice Smith, who said: "Still can't believe this has happened. Such a lovely and caring boy taken way too young. Rest in peace Pelumi."

@palelights tweeted: "Can't believe



TRIBUTES: Shocked friends have described Pelumi Alege as 'loving, caring and funny'

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this at all, rip pelumi, you were such a great friend, you'll be missed by so many of us, love you X."

@eden_tomlin said: "The best people are always taken too young. RIP Pelumi."

And @maddie_ryall said: " 'Don't be crying, be flying' - as Pelumi would say."

Be a part of the festival



VOLUNTEER: Help out at the Umbrella Fair

The Umbrella Fair returns to Northampton Racecourse on August 20 and 21.

With 10 performance stages, green village, family area, 100 community stalls and Mela (world music) area it is shaping up to be the best yet.

It is put on entirely by volunteers and everyone is welcome to help out with a range of opportunities.

The Umbrella Fair Organisation will be on site from 8am to dusk from Wednesday, August 17 to take down on Wednesday, August 24.

Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated, even one hour makes a difference. Three meals a day and snacks are provided free to volunteers. To find out more email info@umbrellafair.org.uk

Road to Waterside

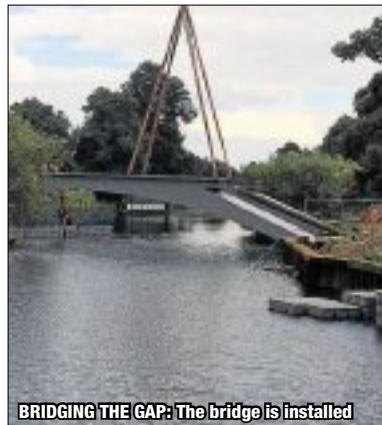
A new road bridge which will link students and staff to the new University of Northampton campus has been put in place this week.

The bridge, which crosses the River Nene at the £330 million Waterside campus at Nunn Mills, was installed on Tuesday.

It comes on the same week drone

footage of the entire site was released, showing how the development is looking so far. You can see the video at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk.

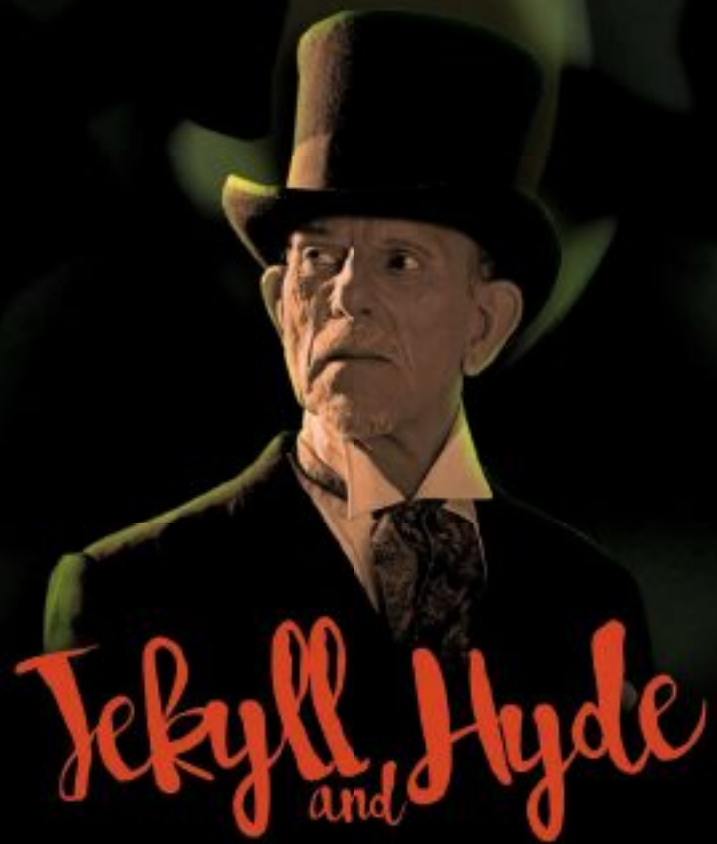
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BLOGGER OF THE WEEK

Making the town safer

Cllr Cathrine Russell

This week's blogger of the week is... Cllr Cathrine Russell who is Labour's shadow portfolio holder for community safety on Northampton Borough Council



Community safety has always been a major priority in Northampton and at this time, violent crime in the town is at its highest reported level for some time.

Figures compiled by the Herald & Post this week found that 56 of the 128 crimes recorded by police in Bridge Street from January to May were incidents of violence or sexual offences.

I think the Police and Community Safety partnership do a wonderful job; these teams work hard to improve the security in our town despite increasing demands and resource deficits.

The night-time economy has always been important to Northampton especially when you consider we are becoming a university town. People need to feel safe when visiting our town centre.

Understandably violent crime gives rise to the fear of crime espe-

cially given the recent media coverage.

In my role as Labour's shadow portfolio holder for community safety I talk with people in the aim of learning about and contributing towards a safer town.

I meet regularly with PCSOs in the town and local residents in my ward, to talk about their experiences and anxieties and take up some very difficult safety related issues raised by people who visit my advice surgeries.

I think we can all contribute to make our communities safer.

That's about supporting people who live near us who may be vulnerable, looking out for opportunities to raise safety awareness with those around you and reporting any incidents that raise concern.

The police need to know what is going on in your area.

Without this information, it is difficult to understand a pattern.

What do you think?

Email your letters to letters@hpnorthants.co.uk

Your views

Now BHS is closed, what should replace it?

This week we reported that the BHS store in Abington Street, Northampton, closed after more than 60 years in the town centre (p9).

We asked our readers on Facebook what they think should replace it. Here's what they said:

BRENDAN STEWART: Brendan Stewart, Harvey Nicholls, John Lewis, Adidas, Foot Locker, Timberland, Hugo Boss... something that's going to attract people from outside Northampton...

How many pound shops and discount stores can a town have? Not enough apparently....

JUSTIN BROWN: I'm not suggesting it should be where BHS was but our Town needs a professional, well

funded and resourced heritage centre. We have so much local history that if promoted right, will enhance the image of our Town. We don't

need more large department stores - we need a large green space - where the old bus station was. A well designed green space area, place for people to sit and relax, eat, live music etc etc.

SANDRA REDDEN: No more pound shops and no more cafes! A big music shop, like HMV.

CAROLINE GOODE: John Lewis or expand M&S

RICHARD N KATE LANE: We need a John Lewis

We don't need another supermarket in town

Aldi has resubmitted an application to build a shop on the site of the former Northampton Chronicle & Echo building with an in-store bakery, but our Facebook readers weren't keen on the idea:

TRACEY ONEIL: Why does northampton need another Aldi???

STEVE REID: So what then happens to the small artisan bakeries around the corner. Another big chain destroying little businesses.

KELLY BROWNE: Surely Northampton has enough supermarkets already

BARRY COLLINS: What a wasted opportunity!

KAREN MILLS ROGERS: We are drowning in these supermarkets, ask us - the public - what we want!!!!



Lunchtime Life

Everyday life's little curiosities snapped this week. Send yours to news@hpnorthants.co.uk



Clipston: View of All Saints Church in the village



Sibbertoft: A sign spotted outside The Old Union Chapel



Sibbertoft: A sign for Rev Miles Berkeley - the founder of plant pathology

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Gentle Richard a 'passionate flyer'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER
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A pilot who died in a light aircraft crash used to serve in the Royal Air Force.

Richard Green, 79, of Hinton in the Hedges in south Northamptonshire, died on July 28 after his plane - which he was flying solo - came down shortly after take-off at Turweston Aerodrome in Buckinghamshire.

The pensioner, who used to work in the heavy plant machinery industry before retiring, had spent the last 17 years enjoying his hobby at the aerodrome.

Mr Green started learning to fly at Turweston in 1999 - despite living in a village which is also home to an aerodrome - before becoming a pilot and experiencing his hobby up to four times a week.

The pilot, who leaves behind his wife, used to serve in the Royal Air Force (RAF) - where he worked as a crewman on whirlwind helicopters.

Following his death, tributes have poured in, with many people describing him



CHARMING: Richard Green from Hinton in the Hedges loved flying

as a 'charming gentleman' with a 'passion for flying'.

One flying instructor wrote: "I remember turning up to fly one day at Turdy (Turweston), the cloud overcast at a couple of thousand feet and a moderate gusty crosswind.

"Richard had already pre-flighted and disappeared for a 20 min flight around the area. On returning to the clubhouse he made a brief comment about being less than satisfied with his landing and then proceeded to bring sunshine to everyone

as he always did. All this on a day when flying was perfectly safe and legal but most people wouldn't have bothered. A true professional, passionate flyer and gentleman."

He added: "Thank you for all the smiles, kind words and gentle humour. Thank you for making everyone welcome from all of us who spent time around you or only just met you once. We don't choose how we die, but we choose how we live. Richard lived. That's why we fly."



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guilty of manslaughter****LIFE TERM: Karl Pound
pleaded guilty to murder**

Duo jailed for part in Robert's death

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A homeless man and woman have been jailed for a total of 25 years for their part in the death of 54-year-old Robert Chester who had offered them a place to stay.

At Northampton Crown Court last Wednesday, Karl Pound, 51, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to life with a minimum of 19 years before he can be considered for parole.

Mary Cash, 39, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to 10 years, six in custody and four on licence. She must serve two thirds of her custodial

sentence before being considered for parole.

Both were sentenced after being convicted of murder and manslaughter respectively in April.

On the night of October 8 last year the pair were welcomed into Mr Chester's house in Rothersthorpe Road, Northampton. Robert was later stabbed eight times and then set on fire in an attempt to destroy evidence.

Neighbours who saw the blaze called 999 at midnight and attending firefighters discovered Robert's body in his sitting room.

Both Pound and Cash had initially pleaded not guilty,

blaming each other for the murder. Cash claimed that Pound had stabbed Mr Chester following an argument over a £10 note.

Pound said that Cash had killed him as she had a bad temper when she was drunk.

After the first day of the trial at Northampton Crown Court, Pound pleaded guilty to killing Robert. Cash, who had denied the charge of murder, was later found guilty of manslaughter by the jury.

DCI Louise Hemingway said: "I welcome the sentences handed down and hope Robert's family can gain some comfort from them."

The case of... Captain Ahab chasing technology on a bike

**Lawrence John**

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The speed and rate at which technology is improving is startling.

The problem I see is while the technology zooms along at a rate of knots, the ability to connect to it is still trying to catch up.

I would liken it to an old man on a bicycle and while he pedals away like crazy he still cannot catch the piece of paper which is being pulled along ahead of him by the wind.

One of them will have to run out of wind in order for them to catch up and it cannot be the old man although he will probably have long since run out of puff before the wind stops.

Have you ever tried to catch the wind? How do you think an old man on a bike is going to do it?

I believe manufacturers of computers, laptops and mobiles over sell the poten-

tial of their technology. If you have no WIFI connection you might as well be a cavemen with a mobile phone.

The promise of technology which works at a click of a switch or a tap of a screen is like kids picking sides at football in the park or at school.

There is always one who claims to be great in goal. He tells you before the selection he has the grace and agility of a cat. His grandad told him he was like Peter Bonetti (Chelsea and England) in goal.

Bonetti's nickname was 'The Cat' for his safe handling and lightning reflexes. One has to wonder if grandad was thinking the kid was as good as Bonetti today, bearing in mind Peter is now 74.

Like the technology today, you buy the kid's sales pitch. He goes in goal and there is clearly only one outcome.

He will be getting lumbago picking the ball out of the net.

I think the French would sum it up best when they say he moves 'avec toute la grâce et l'agilité d'un chat mort' - which translates to 'with all the grace and agility of a dead cat'.

And we are back at the start.

The old man is our Captain Ahab as he tries to catch the white whale Moby Dick - technology.

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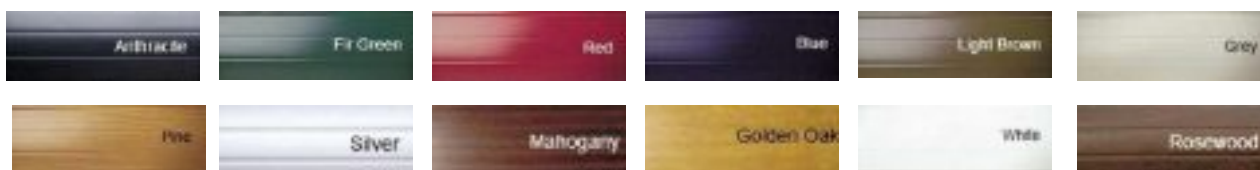


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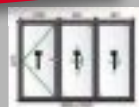


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Riding the robot

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Robots are set to be the 'growth area' in the next decade and one company is aiming to ride this robotic wave.

Igus, based in Caswell Road, Northampton, is already at the cutting edge of robotics as it works with companies worldwide to produce the equipment they need to make robots.

All the 100,000 components produced by Igus are created in the company's main base in Cologne, Germany, and are shipped over to Northampton where they are assembled into whatever each customer wants to create.

Igus UK is a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of plastic plain bearings, spherical bearings, linear guides, cable carriers and continuous-flex cables.

The company has been based in Northamptonshire for 25 years. It used to be in Daventry but about 15 years moved to Northampton and four years after that to its current location where it employs 100 people.

Matthew Aldridge, managing director, said: "We chose



HELPING HAND: One of Igus' robolink robotic arm devices

to move to Northampton as it had good logistics and was a bigger town which would offer us a great amount of talent.

"Working in technology you have to be flexible and able to respond quickly to customers' needs.

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oil or a lubricant." Recently Igus supplied one of its robolink D robotic arms for the research which was conducted by the Institute of Physics on behalf of Wired magazine.

The robotic arm tested 10 biscuits for 'dunkability'.

Digital scales were used to measure how much liquid each biscuit could absorb after a 15-second dunk, with each test conducted three times, reported Wired.

The result of the study proved, once and for all, that McVitie's Rich Tea is the 'most dunkable' biscuit, with the snack commended for 'holding its form with ease during the absorption test'.

A component which Igus and the rest of industry is crying out for is apprentices.

It has already taken some on but is looking to recruit at least another two.

Mr Aldridge said: "They are the future of the company and bring in bright ideas."

"One lad we have knows all



FUTURE VISION: Igus managing director Matthew Aldridge

about 3D printers and his ideas are helping to do things we would not have thought about. What they also bring is youthful enthusiasm and help the company go from strength to strength. As a company we welcome male and female apprentices to join us."

At the moment robots are used in industry but as stat-

ic on a production line or in a warehouse.

Looking to the future, Mr Aldridge said: "I see robots becoming more mainstream."

"At the moment you can buy a robotic lawnmower but it will cost a lot but this price will fall."

"I can see a time when robots start working with humans rather than just being static doing repetitive tasks."

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Boy's joy over new hand



LIFE CHANGING: William Joyner, eight, can now look forward to life with two hands



An eight-year-old boy who was born without a left hand is about to see his life transformed - thanks to a prosthetic one made by a 3D printer.

William Joyner, who lives in Paulerspury near Towcester and dreams of being the first disabled professional footballer, was born without a left hand as a result of 'amniotic band syndrome' (ABS).

But just four months ago, the boy - who only has a palm on his left hand - was able to fist bump his mum and hold a pen for the very first time using a prototype created by experts at the University of Bedfordshire. And by next month, when school restarts, the Reading FC football fan hopes to have the new, fully-built robotic hand, which includes a blue and white version - the colours of his team - and a skin coloured one.

The Paulerspury School pupil will then, using signals from muscles in his arm to control the hand, be able to carry out tasks from tying his shoe laces through to holding drinks and ice lollies.

William will also be able to put in more football training as a right wing player for Northants Junior Foxes - a Leicester City affiliated football team which helps develop players to a level where they can then move into the Leicester City FC Academy.

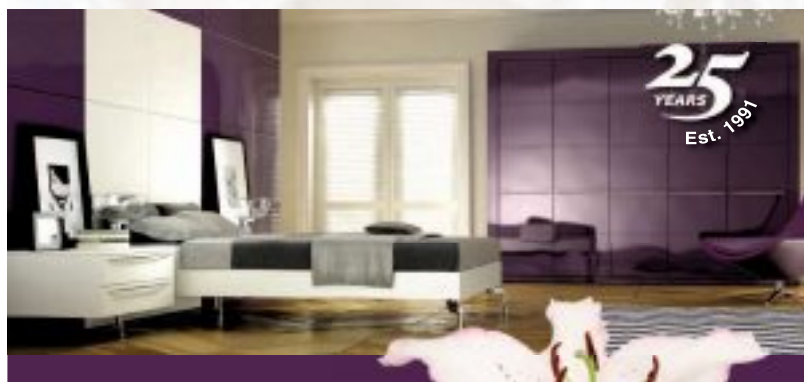
William's mum Jo Joyner, who initiated the project when she contacted the university over a year ago, said: "He's really excited about it. He's been telling all his friends and we hope he gets it in time for the start of the new school year. I think it will really boost his confidence."

The bid to create a new hand was led by experts Dr David Jazani and technician Mark Hooper at the university's Luton campus.

ABS occurs when an unborn baby becomes entangled in fibrous string-like amniotic bands in the womb, restricting blood flow. The syndrome can cause a number of birth defects depending on which body part is affected. If a band wraps tightly around a limb - like a hand in William's case - the limb can be completely amputated.

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Ofsted mark Tresham as 'inadequate'

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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OFSTED has issued a damning report on Tresham College of Further and Higher Education in Northamptonshire.

The education watchdog has been scathing in its criticism of the college which it sees as failing with the teachers and with the governors.

It firmly believes: 'senior managers to account more robustly when performance drops below acceptable standards' and 'ensure all members of the governing body are subject to the college's otherwise strict procedures for recruitment and vetting'.

OFSTED has hit Tresham College hard with this report and expects instant changes.

Some of the reasons given by OFSTED as why the college is rated inadequate are:

- The principles of study programmes are not being met and apprenticeship provision is inad-

equate:

- Achievement rates on study programmes are low and have been in decline for the past three years.

- Too many students fail to achieve the grades of which they are capable.

- Target setting for apprentices and for students on study programmes is poor.

- The development of students' English and mathematics skills requires improvement.

Responding Stuart Wesselby, Principal at Tresham College of Further and Higher Education, said: "Naturally we are extremely disappointed by the outcome of the college's recent Ofsted inspection but I am proud that staff members were commended for their professionalism and team spirit throughout the inspection."

"The college management team will now be working with staff to continue making progress and implement strategies to address the areas of concern raised by Ofsted."

The Suit

Northampton artist Olive Sand has been wearing the same item of clothing every day for a year. Find out more about the how and why of The Suit on our website now...



I'm looking at ideas of the self, societal norms and consumerism. I work to understand these ideas through durational performances. One of these is called Suit.

I have to wear the same floral suit everyday for a year, it is a massive restriction on my choices because I can't wear any other clothes. That's right, I only wear the suit and nothing but. It comes off when I go to sleep and shower, it mostly gets cleaned and patched up by hand.

I wanted to practice non-consumerism after getting rid of most of my possessions in a piece called Destruction of a Legacy. Since starting Suit I have given all my other clothes away so now it's all I have left.

The suit is made up of floral trousers and jacket, and a cream shirt.

The material came from an old care home I used to live in. I stayed there for a year with these curtains, then when I left I took them with me and got them made into a suit. It creates a nice parallel between having them protect me from people seeing me when I was in my room, to protecting my nakedness from being seen now I wear them. They don't stop people from seeing me however, I get stared at a lot.

I was mocking the idea of a suit, which I see as being as far away from our natural state as possible. I mixed the formal suit with something very familiar.

I'm opposing societal norms we're just used to following them and accepting them. It restricts my desires, my needs, to wear other clothes, I actually get jealous of other people's ability to choose what to wear sometimes, even though there is a great simplicity and freedom in this lack of choice.

The suit comes off on the 9th of October this year.

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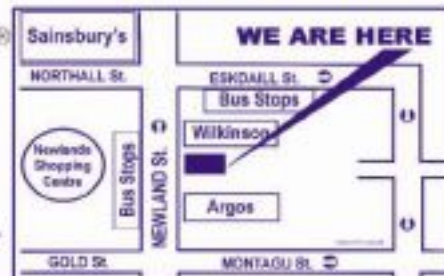
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Blisworth Canal Festival

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The council has contributed a £350

community grant to help support the set-up costs of the festival.

The canal festival is organised by Blisworth Canal Partnership, a voluntary non-profit organisation.

For further information about this year's festival, please go online to the website at www.blisworthcanalfestival.co.uk

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Rosie's song for her real family

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A teenage girl who was adopted by a Northamptonshire family when she was 10 months old has put the love for her 'Real Family' into song.

Rosie Jackson, 17, was adopted from China, after she was abandoned under a bridge at birth, when she was 10 months old by the Jackson family from Desborough.

The teenager who has a passion for music and writing songs, has used her musical skills to express her feelings about what has happened to her in her life.

Rosie who is an A Level pupil at Montsaye Academy, has written a song about her experiences called 'Real Family' in which she expresses how she wonders if her birth mother ever thinks about her and how grateful she is that she does have a loving family.

She performed this song at a few local venues and eventually word spread to a group of rookie videographers, who decided to help her make a music video, using real footage of the first time Rosie was

introduced to her new family and clips from her childhood.

Rosie said: "I started writing the song three years ago as a way of helping me feel better and as my way of getting closure."

"By closure I mean I have never really talked to my mum about how I feel about this issue (being adopted) and decided instead of talking about it I would put my thoughts and feelings into a song."

"I always wondered from time to time whether my birth family ever thought about me after they left me and do I look like them."

"But I am happy to have the loving family I have now and I love them all the same as I would my birth parents."

Her adopted mum, Elizabeth Jackson said when she heard Rosie's song for the first 'it brought a lump to her throat'.

She said: "The reason for adopting a Chinese child was I had seen the documentaries about the plight of orphans in China and while I knew I could not help them all I thought I could at least help one."

"The song was Rosie's way of expressing her feelings."

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A novelist's room, without a view

IF THE questions on highbrow TV quiz show Only Connect baffle you, you also might not realise that the name itself is from a well-known book.

The BBC2 programme hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell, where teams compete to find connections between seemingly unrelated clues, takes its title from a quotation in E.M. Forster's *Howards End*: "Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its highest. Live in fragments no longer."

Forster had five novels published in his lifetime – most of them movie material. Three were made into films by Merchant-Ivory – *A Room with a View*, *Howards End* and *Maurice* – while David Lean directed *A Passage To India*.

Forster kept a London flat from 1925, although he spent much of his life with his widowed mother Lily in Surrey. Forster moved from Bloomsbury



to Arlington Park Mansions in October 1939, partly to escape central London following the outbreak of war, and also to be closer to his friend and lover Bob Buckingham in Shepherd's Bush. Forster spent one or two days a week at his top-floor flat, travelling with a small bag by bus and train, as he regarded taxis, "a vulgar extravagance". The thrifty writer used the flat

as a pied-à-terre until his death in 1970.

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House where union martyrs met

HUNDREDS of festival-goers spurned Glastonbury and Bestival to rub shoulders with Jeremy Corbyn and actress Maxine Peake last month at the annual Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival.

The antithesis of a corporate music event, it's all about folk music and real ale drinking rounded off with some lively political debate at the Dorset village, which hosts a musical gathering and march of trades union members, socialist politicians and activists who gather to lay a wreath on one of the Tolpuddle Martyrs' graves.

Dorset farm labourer George Loveless and five fellow workers – his brother James, James Hammett, James Brine, Thomas Standfield and Thomas's son John – were deported to Australia in 1834.

The men were charged with having taken an illegal oath and forming a trade union to protest about their meagre pay of six shillings a week – the equivalent



of 30p in today's money and the third wage cut in as many years.

However, the working class rose up in support of the men; a huge demonstration marched through London and an 800,000-strong petition was delivered to Parliament. After three years, the government relented and they returned home with free pardons and as heroes.

The oldest, Thomas Standfield

was co-founder of the Tolpuddle Union and many of their meetings were held in the upstairs room of his three-bedroom cottage, now on the market for £300,000.

This piece of history is Grade II listed, has a sitting room with open fire, kitchen-diner, with one of the bedrooms leading up to the secret meeting room/loft.

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Lisa Presley's heartbreak house for sale



Lisa Marie Presley looks to be heading to the divorce court for the fourth time after splitting from hubby Michael Lockwood.

Elvis's only daughter wants a legal separation from her former guitarist and record producer husband, whom she wed in 2006 in Japan, blaming irreconcilable differences for their split.

The mother-of-four, 48, has demanded full custody of the couple's twin seven-year-old daughters, Harper and Finley.

She was previously married to Danny Keough – who's dad to her other two children Riley

and Ben – as well as Michael Jackson and Nicholas Cage.

Before they suffered from suspicious minds, the couple had been cosy at her sprawling 15th century, 50-acre manor house complete with three swimming pools near Rotherfield in East Sussex.

Presley chose the English countryside over her mansion in Los Angeles and threw herself into village life for a while, playing darts and drinking Guinness and champagne in the nearby Kings Arms. The singer-songwriter, who inherited Elvis's \$100m fortune at 25, even spent a stint helping

out in the mobile fish and chip van.

Grade II-listed Coes Hall boasts 11 bedrooms, a circular garden room with views over the garden and lake, as well as stables, paddocks and a cottage in the grounds. The period pad also has a gym, entertainment room and bar, billiard room two staff/guest apartments.

It's a good job she's not pushed for cash as, according to the Land Registry, Presley bought Coes Hall in 2010 for £5.8m but is only asking a mere £4.5m.

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CHEEKY chappie George Formby was loved by millions for his gormless musical comedy act as a loveable working class hero, and catchphrase "Turned out nice again."

Since his death, he's become a cult figure with hundreds of fan clubs around the world – it even transpired earlier this year that the Queen had toyed with becoming President of the George Formby Society. But the ukulele-strumming entertainer was a notorious womaniser married to an alcoholic and strong-willed wife. He later became engaged seven weeks after his wife died.

Formby came from a wealthy family with a dark history – his grandmother was a prostitute and his father was a bigamist – and his own home life became equally colourful as he argued constantly with wife and manager Beryl. The former music hall star went on to make popular movies, earning up to £35,000 per film, although Beryl only gave him five shillings (25p) a week pocket money.



As Formby's popularity faded he developed depression and an addiction to morphine prescribed for heart disease. He got engaged to teacher Pat Howson but died a year later, aged 56, two days before they were due to marry in 1961.

Formby grew up in this Edwardian detached house in the village of Stockton Heath,

near Warrington in Cheshire, which is now a hotel up for sale at £1.6m. With six en-suite rooms – five in the main house – there's also another room and living accommodation for the owner in a former coach house, along with a guest lounge, study, kitchen and small patio outside.

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Where Colin's love failed, actually

LAST year's film *Kingsman: The Secret Service* saw Colin Firth's debonair spy-maker massacre scores of people in a church and then meet his end soon afterwards. But fans of the action flick were surprised when a promotional poster for follow-up *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* featured his broken thick-rimmed glasses lying upon a line reading "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." He's also been pictured recently on the set as dapper agent Harry Hart, which seems to point to Firth coming back from the dead.

The fast-paced film was a far cry from the Oscar-winning actor's more serious roles, such as soft-hearted Jamie Bennett in 2003 rom-com *Love Actually*. Betrayed by an unfaithful girlfriend, he hopes to forget his troubles by immersing himself in writing a crime novel in the south of France.

The house where the



cardigan-wearing Firth escapes to recently went on the market, complete with a lake where he and housekeeper Aurelia flail about to recover his manuscript.

Now the two-bedroom garden flat where the fictional writer lived with his girlfriend, until he found out she was having an affair with his brother, is available to aspiring writers and Firth fans. The Grade II listed Chiswick house was originally

built in 1879 for the English watercolour painter and lithographer Joseph Nash and the layout is still centred around the original artist's studio which is now a big open-plan dining room with large window and high ceilings.

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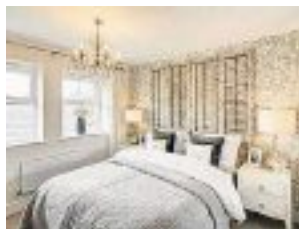


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Coming Soon –Martin Grant Homes launches show home at Buckton Fields development



In September, national housebuilder Martin Grant Homes will unveil a spectacular show home offering an unrivalled family lifestyle at one of Northampton's most prestigious new developments, Buckton Fields.

Situated on the northern edge of the development, The Mantle show home, offers 1,793 square feet of accommodation, with spacious reception rooms and five bedrooms. Showcasing the very best of residential interior design, the home has been designed with busy family living in mind.

The ground floor comprises a cloakroom, living room and open plan kitchen/dining room. Both reception areas allow for access onto the rear private

garden. The master bedroom, with en-suite bathroom, along with two further bedrooms, study and family bathroom are situated on the first floor. The second floor offers a further two bedrooms and shower room, an ideal space for teenagers seeking privacy, or a home gym or cinema.

Andrew Henry Design has created a fresh contemporary feel with a neutral palette enhancing the light within the home. The classic furniture is complemented by detailing in each room, with feature walls, chandeliers and patterned blinds adding depth to the design.

Buckton Fields is a collection of two, three, four and five bedroom houses, situated between Northampton and the village of

Boughton. Set in the midst of pretty countryside, the homes reflect the local, traditional style of architecture. The plans for the site also include land identified for Northamptonshire County Council to build a primary school, subject to obtaining the necessary approvals and Martin Grant Homes has also committed to investing further money in nearby community amenities.

A Park and Ride service will offer a connection for residents into the centre of Northampton, three miles from the development. The newly refurbished Northampton station runs train services into London Euston from just 54 minutes and Birmingham New Street from one hour one minute. Junction 16 of the M1 is just over ten miles from the development.

Andrew Henry, Andrew Henry Interiors, comments: "We were eager to capture the semi-rural setting of Buckton Fields and therefore designed a soft, countryside inspired scheme. Accent colours of greens and blues were set against a neutral backdrop, which incorporated both painted and weathered oak furniture finishes. The family cinema room with a replica jukebox on the top floor has a real wow factor and demonstrates the flexibility these properties can offer prospective buyers."

Chris Hamilton, Managing Director of Martin Grant Homes, says: "Whilst Buckton Fields has attracted significant interest from first time buyers,

professionals and downsizers, we expect The Mantle house type to be particularly popular with family buyers looking to upsize. Our new show home reflects our understanding of how these families live and what they really want from a home."

The show home will launch on Saturday 10th September.

Prices of currently available properties start from £204,950 for a two bedroom home. For more information, or to book an appointment to view the show home, interested buyers can contact the Martin Grant Homes selling agents on either 01604 624033 (Taylors) or 01604 624424 (Stonhills) or visit www.bucktonfieldsmgh.co.uk



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Boothville £355,000**NEW**

01604 494600



A deceptive four bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow which has been heavily extended creating a well proportioned family home. The property boasts well presented interiors, four double bedrooms, en suite, private gardens, large driveway and detached garage.

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Duston £219,995**NEW**

01604 755757



A three bedroom detached home. Accommodation comprises; entrance hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs there is a modern family bathroom servicing three bedrooms. Outside has front and rear gardens with off road parking and garage. Benefits include gas radiator heating and replacement doors and windows.

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Long Buckby £250,000**NO CHAIN**

01327 842093



A rarely available three bedroom detached bungalow in a quiet cul-de-sac just a short walk from the many village amenities. It has a hall, cloakroom, large lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. There is a four car drive, garage and workshop plus a lovely established garden. It has UPVC double glazing (where specified), radiator heating, requires some updating and has no upward chain.

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Dragonfly Meadows £280,000**NEW**

01604 633122



A modern four bedroom family home offered to the market with no onward chain. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room and WC. To the first floor is four bedrooms, bedroom one benefitting from an ensuite with double shower. To the rear of the property is a lawned area with patio and gated rear access leading to garage.

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Lings £149,995**NEW PRICE**

01604 784990



A deceptively spacious three bedroom end of terrace with a WC, 18'10 x 10'10 kitchen and front and rear gardens. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer.

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Abington £234,995**NEW**

01604 231111



A fine stone fronted town house situated within walking distance of Abington Park. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, cellar, three double bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside to the rear is a courtyard style garden.

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Queens Park Offers in Excess £190,000**NEW**

01604 722197



A bay fronted, three bedroom mid terrace house in Queens Park. Accommodation comprises; entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen. To the first floor is a family bathroom and three bedrooms. Well maintained rear garden, with decked area. Gas heating and double glazing (where specified).

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Phippsville £169,995**NEW**

01604 715000



Situated in the sought after Phippsville area is this refurbished ground floor flat with off road parking, and comprises lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, and 2 bedrooms, one with ensuite. Purchase is of a leasehold flat with a 125 year lease, with a share of the freehold. Windows to be replaced with double glazed units. No ground rent.

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Kings Heath Fixed Price £85,000**NEW PRICE**

01604 633122



A spacious top floor apartment with a balcony overlooking fields. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Parking spaces are available to the rear, while further benefits include UPVC double glazing, gas radiator heating and no upward chain.

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The Headlands £219,995**NEW**

01604 231111



A fully refurbished three bedroom bay fronted semi detached property. The property boasts a 17ft refitted kitchen/diner, refitted bathroom, large landscaped rear garden and renewed electrics and central heating - early viewing is advised. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside are mature gardens to the front and rear in addition to a driveway.

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Cogenhoe £259,995**NEW**

01604 784990



A three bedroom three storey Victorian semi detached property with a rear garden in excess of 80ft in length. The smartly presented kitchen has a centre island and there is a four piece bathroom. Early viewing is advised to avoid disappointment.

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Manfield Grange £294,995**NO CHAIN**

01604 715000



A four bedroom end of terrace town house with double glazing and gas radiator heating. Front and rear gardens, single garage and off road parking. Comprises: entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, lounge, WC, family bathroom, three double bedrooms, one with ensuite. Master bedroom with ensuite shower room on second floor. No onward chain.

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Kingsthorpe £152,500

01604 722197



Jackson Grundy are pleased to be the chosen agent to the market this newly refurbished and immaculately presented two bedroom mid terrace home. In brief the accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge and kitchen/breakfast room. The first floor has two bedrooms and a family bathroom.

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Great Billing £269,995**NEW**

01604 784990



A beautifully presented 1850's two bedroom extended cottage offered for sale with no onward chain. The rear garden has more than doubled in size since 2014 when additional land was purchased next to the property. Early viewing is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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West Hunsbury £175,000

01604 633122



A three bedroom semi detached house with features including allocated parking, fitted kitchen with appliances, enclosed rear garden, refitted bathroom, cul-de-sac location, double glazed windows, gas radiator heating and popular location.

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Duston £174,995

01604 755757



A two bedroom semi detached bungalow. In need of general updating. The property comprises entrance hall, lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen/dining room and bathroom. Externally is off road parking to the front with lawned area. The rear is predominately laid to lawn with patio area. No onward chain.

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Briar Hill £140,000**NEW PRICE**

01604 633122



A three bedroom family home, offered for sale in a good decorative order. Some of the many features include; gas radiator heating with a 'Gloworm' boiler, double glazed windows and doors, low maintenance enclosed rear garden, refitted kitchen and refitted shower room. Early viewing is advised.

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St James £205,000**NEW**

01604 633122



A three bedroom three storey town house in St James. Accommodation comprises of a kitchen, lounge/dining room and WC to the ground floor. Two bedrooms and a bathroom to the first floor and a master bedroom to the second floor with an en suite shower room. Garden to the rear.

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Kingsthorpe £200,000**NEW**

01604 722197



A well presented three bedroom semi detached property comprising entrance hall, dining room, lounge, refitted bathroom, kitchen and three bedrooms on the first floor. Outside you have a single detached garage, off road parking for at least two cars and a well maintained rear garden.

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Duston £225,000**NEW**

01604 755757



A three bedroom semi detached home with accommodation comprises; entrance porch, hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen. Upstairs has refitted shower room and three bedrooms. Front and rear gardens with off road parking and garage. Replacement doors, and windows, gas radiator heating and no upper chain.

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Abington Offers in Excess £189,995**GARAGE**

01604 231111



A newly converted and fully refurbished two bedroom property with garage located a short walk from Abington Park. Boasting a brand new kitchen, bathroom, windows and doors, heating and electrics - Viewing is advised.

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Rectory Farm £134,995**NEW**

01604 784990



A well proportioned three bedroom end of terrace property set on the popular Rectory Farm estate. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, 17'7 x 10'4 lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, three good size bedrooms and a bathroom. There are front and rear gardens, the rear of which is a generous size.

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Creaton £350,000**NO CHAIN**

01327 842093



Woodbine Cottage is an attractive three storey, four bedroom period property with many character features including fireplaces and ceiling beams plus the convenience of modern windows, heating, kitchen and bathrooms. The large accommodation is in very good condition throughout plus there is a courtyard garden. The property is offered with no onward chain.

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Boothville £375,000

01604 494600



Heavily improved by the current vendor is this bay fronted, four bedroom detached house situated in the popular area of Boothville. This established family home boasts fantastic decorative order through out, tastefully extended, beautifully tendered gardens and off road parking.

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Kings Heath £160,000

NEW

01604 633122



A fantastic opportunity to purchase this two bedroom terraced home in the popular and sought after area of Kings Heath. The home offers a refitted kitchen and bathroom, front and rear gardens, with unique views over the park to the front. In brief, the home comprises of a refitted kitchen/dining room, lounge, two bedrooms to the first floor with a refitted bathroom and WC.

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Kingsley £180,000

NEW PRICE

01604 715000



A three bedroom end of terrace family home has come to the market with Jackson Grundy in the Kingsley area. The property benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas radiator heating and enclosed front and rear gardens. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen and family bathroom to the ground floor. Upstairs are three bedrooms.

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Queens Park £324,995

NEW PRICE

01604 722197



Four double bedroom Victorian terrace property comprising entrance hall, lounge, diner, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs WC, cellar, first floor has three double bedrooms, one with en suite, a family bathroom and a study. Master bedroom to second floor with en suite and Juliet balcony. Enclosed rear garden. Double garage.

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Sywell Offers in Excess £350,000

01604 494600



Please call to confirm attendance. A rarely available Grade II listed stone built semi detached property located within the conservation area. Entrance hall, lounge, study, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room and bedroom two with ensuite. On the first floor there is a master bedroom with ensuite, bedroom three and shower room. Outside is a front garden and rear courtyard garden, driveway, detached garage and double allotment.

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Long Buckby Guide Price £250,000

NEW

01327 842093



A four bedroom detached house situated just a walk away from the many village amenities and the railway station. It has a hall, re-fitted cloakroom, lounge, large re-fitted kitchen/dining room, four bedrooms and a re-fitted shower room. There is parking for three cars, a garage and a very attractive garden. The property has UPVC double glazing and radiator heating.

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Ryehill £159,995

NEW

01604 755757



A three bedroom end of terrace home. Accommodation comprises; entrance hall, downstairs WC, large cupboard, lounge and kitchen-diner. Three generous size bedrooms and family bathroom. Open plan front garden and enclosed rear garden with off road parking. Benefits include replacement doors and windows and gas radiator heating.

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Lumbertubs £142,000

NEW PRICE

01604 784990



A three bedroom mid terrace property with a good size garden, offered for sale with no onward chain. Entrance hall, WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate WC. All windows and doors are double glazed and there is gas radiator heating. Front and rear gardens complete its features.

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Abington Vale £229,995

01604 231111



Situated in the heart of Abington Vale is this three bedroom semi-detached home with smart conservatory addition. The property also benefits from separate reception rooms, southerly facing rear garden with a summerhouse and a replacement boiler. Early viewing is essential.

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Road £229,995

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- Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
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Lake View £169,995

- Energy Efficiency Rating : TBC
- End Of Terrace
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- Kitchen / Diner
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating



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- Well Presented
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazed
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Thursday, August 11, 2016

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Review: Summer hideaway break



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WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

A good hotel needs to fry high for breakfast

REVIEW:



BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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When I stay at a hotel one of the criteria I judge it on is the quality of the full English breakfast.

Every hotel can be different but this to me is a deal breaker.

And luckily for me Whittlebury Hall Hotel & Spa near Towcester, offers up a good full English.

Going on a short break is exciting. It gets you out of the norm and into a different environment for a short time to relax and re-charge the

batteries. Arriving at Whittlebury Hall's rural setting is part of the essence of getting away from everything.

My second floor room was spacious with a very comfortable double bed.

But you need to get up and out.

With the package I was on there are a number of options to choose including using the leisure club facilities such as the jacuzzi and 19m swimming pool with bubble jets and sauna. I decided to go for a swim as it's not something I get to do very often.

In the evening I enjoyed a three-course meal at Aston's Restaurant.

The chocolate brownie for dessert was my favourite. Who can resist a decent dessert to round off a meal?

And back to breakfast, I chose to enjoy mine in my room.

There is something quite relaxing about taking it easy and unwinding in the morning in your room, rather than having to get up, get dressed and go downstairs.

■ See the full review online at northampton-news-hp.co.uk



County's arts cinema listings this week

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Here are the listings for Northamptonshire arts cinemas this week:

Errol Flynn Filmhouse

■ Ice Age: Collision Course
Today

■ Maggie's Plan
Today

■ Now You See Me 2
Today

■ Finding Dory

Tomorrow-Wednesday

■ The Commune (pictured)

A story about the clash between personal desires vs. solidarity and tolerance in a Danish commune in the 70s.

Tomorrow, Saturday and Wednesday

■ Ghostbusters

Tomorrow, Saturday, Monday-Wednesday

■ The American Friend
Sunday

■ The Carer
Monday and Wednesday

■ The Idol
Tuesday

To book tickets call the box office on 01604 624811.

Lings Forum

■ Ice Age: Collision Course
Today

■ The Hard Stop

Today

■ Ghostbusters

Tomorrow-Wednesday

■ Independence Day: Resurgence

Tomorrow-Sunday

■ Learning to Drive

Tuesday and Wednesday

To book tickets call 01604 837300.

WHAT'S ON ROUND-UP

Get involved in this Dickensian Christmas Carol

A theatre is looking for talented children from the local community to join its professional cast in this year's exciting festive show – *A Christmas Carol* – which runs from December 8 to 31.

Auditions will take place at The Core at Corby Cube on Sunday, September 4.

Director Gary Sefton is looking for girls and boys to play a variety of roles in this adaptation of Dickens' classic and well-loved story.

The roles include Tiny Tim and an urchin

girl, who both need to look around seven to eight years old and two more boys and a girl who should look around 10 to 12 years old.

The young actors will be cast in teams that will rotate between performances. The boys and girls need to have good movement, singing and acting ability, as well as being enthusiastic with bags of personality.

To register, download a registration form at www.thecorecorby.com (on the what's on page for *A Christmas Carol*) or pick up a form at The Core's ticket office.



Win to go full throttle for the Truck Festival

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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After returning last year following a 30 year hiatus, the Silverstone Truck Racing event was a huge success.

On Saturday and Sunday it is back even bigger and better than before and now labelled as the Silverstone Truck Festival - a weekend of great racing and entertainment.

Fans can expect to see no less than 10 action packed truck races, featuring the fiercely contested BTRA British Truck Racing Championship plus invited overseas drivers.

Drivers to watch out for are Division One pace-setter Ryan Smith and reigning BTRA Champion Mat Summerfield.

There will be further racing action from the support categories including pick-up trucks, legends and minis.

We have teamed up with Silverstone to offer five lucky fans the chance to win two weekend tickets to this spectacular event.

Children aged 15 and under

go free so the whole family can have a fantastic day out.

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets, follow us on Twitter (@NorthamptonUK) as we will be tweeting the question.

Advance tickets to the Silverstone Truck Festival are £15 per day or £25 for the weekend – and kids 15 and under go free.

To book tickets or for further information on this weekend's action, visit www.silverstone.co.uk

Find out what's on
The best things to do in your spare time can be found at www.northampton-news-hp.co.uk

Late night comic book action at gallery

If you haven't already been to see the Comics Unstripped exhibition at the Alfred East Art Gallery, then now is your chance.

For one evening only the Kettering gallery is opening late for all those visitors that

are unable to visit during the day.

Join them tomorrow from 6pm to 8pm to see some of the finest works in the comic art industry.

The exhibition features works by Kettering's Frank

Bellamy including some examples from Garth, Thunderbirds and Dan Dare.

If you can't make this late night opening, the exhibition is on until August 20. It's suitable for all ages.

Entry to the event is free.

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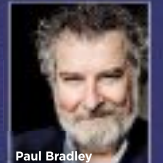
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DEAD SHEEP BY JONATHAN MAITLAND

How Margaret Thatcher fatally underestimated Geoffrey Howe



Especially pertinent given the current state of political affairs in the UK, *Dead Sheep* opened in London to huge critical acclaim and mixes tragedy and comedy in an entertaining tale of loyalty, betrayal and revenge. This witty new drama stars *Spitting Image*'s Steve Nallon as Margaret Thatcher, Paul Bradley (*EastEnders*) as Geoffrey Howe, Graham Seed (Nigel Pargetter in *The Archers*), Carol Royale (*Life Without George*, *Heartbeat*, *Casualty*), John Wark (*Toast*) and Tony Bell (*Shakespeare In Love*, Noel Coward Theatre).

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SATURDAY

Blisworth Canal Festival

Join 30,000 other visitors and stroll past the long line of trade and workboats, take one of the two boat trips on offer or enjoy the many stalls and attractions within eight venues just a couple of minutes' walk into the village from the waterfront. There is something for everyone - such as vintage caravans, re-enactment groups, tractors, a farmyard, a dog zone with scurries, dog show and agility show, children's fairground rides, bars, live music, a large variety of food outlets, a sheep shearer, antiques, an art gallery, open gardens, craft stalls galore, rural craft demonstrators, pony rides, parrots and even more. The event, which runs today and tomorrow from 11am to 5pm, is free.

Frank Sinatra tribute night in Northampton

The Westone Manor Hotel presents a special tribute to Frank Sinatra, one of the most popular and influential singers of the 20th Century. Enjoy the best of Ol' Blue Eyes as a talented tribute artist croons his way through hits from the 40s, 50s and 60s with classics such as New York, New York and My Way. Show starts at 9.30pm, followed by a disco. Tickets cost £15.

SUNDAY

Alfresco crafts & music at NN Cafe, Northampton

Free from 2pm until 6pm, enjoy up to 20 stalls of handmade craft goods and five musicians.



Batman: The Complete TV series

Memories of a television show we watched as a child can be deceptive. At the time it is the best thing ever, but one day when you are grown up and you see it again the magic seems to have gone. The problem is the show has stayed the same but you have grown up. It is in some ways like the Oscar Wilde novel *The Picture of Dorian Grey* except with this you age as a television show remains forever young. This is what came over me when I bought the complete box set of the 1960s Batman television series. What I have found remarkable is the show is just as I remembered it as a child but as an adult I can see things and spot things a child never would. The first thing I noticed was the colour - the series is filmed in colour but the vibrant costumes and scenery make it unlike anything which is on television today. If you remember seeing the original on television as a kid and want to relive the glory days then you should go and buy it. If you have never seen it and want to watch something fun with your kids you could not pick a better series to enjoy with them.

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Don't get weighed down

BY IAN JOHNSON

TOWING a trailer is something many of us do from time to time, but shock figures indicate that more than half of van drivers don't know maximum load-carrying capacity of vehicles.

While adding a trailer behind your van to carry additional equipment may seem a simple process, a lack of knowledge about vehicle load weights and towing laws could mean that drivers are potentially breaking the law.

Research undertaken by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles found that a worrying 53 per cent of van drivers didn't know their vehicle's maximum load carrying capacity, and nearly half of businesses do not monitor the weights of company vehicles on a regular basis.

In 2015, the DVSA stopped more than 10,800 vans on UK roads and found 89 per cent to be driving overloaded.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles is urging customers to ensure they know their vehicle's towing capacity before hitching up.

On a UK full car licence, anyone can drive up to 3.5 tonnes Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). However, when adding a trailer, the laws



become more complicated, with restrictions on a permissible vehicle and trailer weights for those who obtained their driving licence after 1997.

Going above these weights (without the right licence or a tachograph being fitted can lead to large fines for businesses.

Companies can also potentially face a court summons and even immobilisation of the vehicles for failing to comply.

Using the wrong vehicle for

towing can also affect driving performance, for example reducing acceleration and increasing stopping distances, particularly in the wet, and can cause long term detrimental damage to the vehicle.

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles says its Van Centre staff can help businesses select the right vehicle for their needs, ensuring vehicles are capable of towing the right weight.

If you passed your car driving

test (category B) after January 19, 2013, you can tow small trailers weighing no more than 750kg or trailers over 750kg as long as the combined weight of the trailer and towing car or van is no more than 3.5 tonnes maximum authorised mass (MAM).

MAM is the limit on how much the vehicle can weigh when it's loaded.

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SEAT Alhambra SE 2.0 TDI Ecomotive

Take a look inside. . .

BY IAN DONALDSON

SOMETIMES you think car designers inhabit a different world from ordinary mortals, where everything is sporty, vibrant and exciting.

No it isn't. Sometimes we just want a car that will take the family from A to B.

If it manages that while keeping us safe and comfortable, not breaking down and not costing a fortune to run then it's job done.

And on those practical criteria the SEAT Alhambra you see here deserves an A-grade, comfortably. It is undoubtedly safe (top marks in the official test), comfortable (and simply vast inside for people and luggage) and economical too.

What the Alhambra most definitely not is 'sporty', especially with £250 worth of Pure White paint emphasising its sheer bulk. 'More like a smart minibus', said the Navigator-in-Chief at first glimpse of a car that will seat seven adults.

SEAT thinks that not only is their full-size people carrier 'sporty', it is also an 'emotional, engaging design' and has 'powerful lines'. To these eyes it is none of the above, and none the worse for it. Better in fact, as it follows a brief to act as full-on

family holdall, not a sad interpretation of a misshapen Ferrari.

So let's ignore the hype and look at the car instead. You can enjoy the Alhambra's space and comfort from £24,680 in a model that comes with a 1.4-litre petrol engine. Most buyers will look for a diesel and these start at £26,990 for a 2.0-litre unit like the one in this car.

At the top of the Alhambra pile is the £35,945 FR Line.

I'd be happier with the less expensive and more down to earth Alhambra in SE trim tested here. It lacks for little, with standard kit running to 17 inch alloys, cruise control, climate control and ample examples of clever thinking that will make life less stressful. These range from an electronic brake that automatically holds the car once stopped until you engage the clutch and drive off, to storage compartments all over the place.

Big sliding rear doors make it easy to clamber into the third row of seats and it is the work of a moment or two to flop rows two and three flat into the floor, leaving a load space so vast you could contemplate turning into a courier company. This version even has 'comfort' suspension. Not a little bit sporty, thank goodness.

FAST FACTS:
SEAT Alhambra SE 2.0 TDI Ecomotive

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BladeGlider runs at Rio

NISSAN is showcasing its BladeGlider all-electric, three-seater prototype sports car at the Olympic Games venue in Rio de Janeiro. First shown at the Tokyo Auto Show in 2013, two BladeGliders have arrived in Brazil to symbolise future technologies that will combine Intelligent Mobility, environmentally-friendly impact and sports-car Nissan driving capabilities. The debut of the BladeGlider at the games is part of Nissan's development of zero-emission vehicles and new automotive technologies including autonomous drive systems and connectivity. The unusual layout of the BladeGlider means the driver sits in arrowhead formation slightly in front of two passengers, who

enjoy extended legroom. The view for all occupants is panoramic, with a seamless cockpit windscreen. As far as power goes the prototype is 100 percent electric, with performance delivered by Nissan's technical partner for the BladeGlider project, UK-based Williams Advanced Engineering. Power is supplied by a high performance five module lithium-ion 220kW battery. Maximum speed of the demonstration models is in excess of 118mph, with 0-62mph taking less than five seconds. The rear wheel drive is provided by two 130kW electric motors – one for each wheel. VIPs attending the Rio Olympics will be offered dynamic rides in one of the BladeGliders and the other will be on static display.



By: Stewart Smith

VW to clean up petrol cars

By: Chris Russon

THE Volkswagen Group is continuing with moves to clean up its engines and has announced it will be fitting particulate filters to petrol cars from next year. The company, still reeling from the 'dieseldie' scandal where it admitted cheating over CO2 readouts from its diesel engines, says the filters will reduce soot emissions by up to 90 per cent. Such filters are already used on diesel engines to remove harmful particles from exhaust gasses and VW now plans to introduce them on petrol models starting with the 1.4-litre TSI Tiguan SUV and the 2.0-litre TFSI Audi A5 coupe. Dr Ulrich Eichhorn, head of group research and development for Volkswagen, said: "Following increases in efficiency and lower CO2 output, we are now bringing about a sustained reduction in the emission levels of our modern petrol engines by fitting particulate filters as standard." The first



models with the new filters will be available from June 2017 and VW says that by 2022 the number of its vehicles fitted with the new technology could run to seven million a year. VW said it intended to roll out the introduction of the so-called gasoline particulate filters on all of its group brands which as well as Volkswagen and Audi also includes Skoda, SEAT and Bentley

CATERHAM'S NEW SPORTING SEVEN 310

By: Stewart Smith



ICONIC British sports car company Caterham has announced its latest motorsport model, the Seven 310, engineered by its sports development experts who upgraded the existing Seven 270's Sigma engine. The necessary Sigma engine upgrade, allowing racers to move up to the Supersport category from Tracksport – which involved high-performance camshafts and revised mapping, generating as much as an extra 20bhp in the rev range – resulted in the surprise

discovery. While an associated aftermarket option was always mooted for owners of Seven 270s as a result of the race engine upgrade, the driver experience offered by the new set-up prompted Caterham to create a brand new model, the 310. The new Seven 310 will also be the first model to debut a new optional extra - LED headlamps, a first for Caterham, and an option which will be available across the range. Simon Lambert, chief motorsport and technical officer for Caterham Cars, said: "It's entirely fitting that the Seven 310, which we feel perfectly synchronises power and handling, has come out of the motorsport engineering process. "When we were going through the engineering process on the race engine upgrade, we had one eye on the aftermarket, of course. But, once the re-worked car hit the road, we knew it was far too good to be marketed simply as an option. The Seven 310 was born. The Seven 310 comes in at £24,995 fully-built and is available to order now, with first deliveries estimated to arrive early 2017. For existing Caterham Seven 270 owners, the upgrade can be completed for £1,495.

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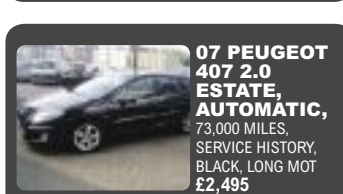
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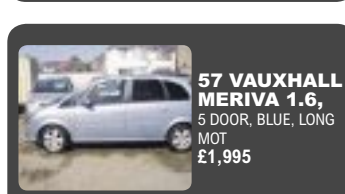
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NISSAN SAYS ELECTRIC IS WAY TO GO

By: Stewart Smith



THE number of petrol stations in the UK has dropped by 75 per cent in the past four decades and Nissan UK says by 2020 there will be more public electric charging stations than petrol.

At the end of 2015, there were just 8,472 fuel stations in the UK, down from 37,539 in 1970. Assuming a steady rate of decline, Nissan predicts that by August, 2020, this will fall to under 7,870.

There are now more than 4,000 places in the UK where motorists can charge all-electric or hybrid vehicles.

While the majority of electric vehicle owners charge at home, 98 per cent of UK motorway services now have charging stations, including rapid connectors that can charge a Nissan Leaf's battery to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes.

Edward Jones, EV manager for Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd, said: "As electric vehicle sales take off, the charging infrastructure is keeping pace and paving the way for convenient all-electric driving. Combine that with constant improvements in our battery performance and we believe the tipping point for mass EV uptake is upon us".

NEW TURBO EDITION I20 FROM HYUNDAI By: Stewart Smith



HYUNDAI has released pricing and specification details for its new i20 Turbo Edition which goes on sale this month.

Designed, engineered and built in Europe, the i20 Turbo Edition will be priced from £12,975.

Hyundai says there's a growing trend for small capacity turbo petrol engines, and the special edition i20 Turbo features Hyundai's efficient 100bhp 1.0-litre turbocharged three-cylinder petrol engine with CO2 emissions of 104g/km which equates to 63mpg.

The newcomer to the i20 range comes with distinctive 16in alloy wheels and is available with a choice of six exterior colours - Polar White, Aqua Sparkling, Sleek Silver, Stardust Grey, Phantom Black and Red Passion, all with a special Black/Grey interior.

The Turbo edition is based on the well-specified i20 SE and the sporty new model comes with Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, cruise control with speed limiter, and a leather wrapped steering wheel with audio and phone controls as standard.

Additional to the SE the new up-market i20 adds a rear view camera, automatic lights with dusk sensor, and satellite navigation via a seven-inch integrated touch screen.

With the satellite navigation upgrade the i20 Turbo Edition comes with a free seven-year TomTom Live Services subscription, which provides the most up to date traffic information, speed camera alerts, weather updates, and live point of interest notifications.

AUDI SUPER SPYDER HITS THE ROAD BY: MIKE TORPEY



AUDI'S latest R8 Spyder supercar is now up for grabs - at a princely £129,990.

The new addition to the second generation R8 line-up has a fabric hood that can open in 20 seconds so occupants can enjoy the car's throaty V10 soundtrack.

Performance figures see the 540PS Spyder capable of blasting from 0-62 in 3.6 seconds and on to a top speed of 197mph, while fuel economy is an average 24.1mpg.

Audi says the car's ground-up rework brings it very much up to date not only by adding more power and a 50 per cent uplift in torsional rigidity, but also new features like the fully digital Audi Virtual Cockpit, the Audi smartphone interface and internet-based Audi Connect services.

There's also a Bang & Olufsen sound system with headrest-mounted speakers

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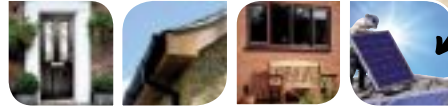
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14**

**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BILLING BROOK ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Billing Brook Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Billing Brook Road, Northampton from Wellingborough Road to Birds Hill Walk.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during works to overhead structure.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 15th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 26th August 2016 overnight only.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Birds Hill Road, Lings Way and Wellingborough Road.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PLUMPTON ROAD, WOODEND)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Plumpton Road, Woodend as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Plumpton Road, Woodend from College Lane to Blakesley Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Street, Slapton Road and Blakesley Road.

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RANSOME ROAD, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Ransome Road, Northampton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Ransome Road, Northampton from entrance to Asda car park to Southfield Avenue.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway repairs and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 12th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: Use Southfield Avenue and London Road.

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Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/295

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Local Authority Notices

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads in Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted until 22nd September 2016 as shown in the Schedule below.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: As specified in the Schedule below.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

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SCHEDULE

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Greenfield Road	From Broadmead Avenue to Greenfield Avenue	Use Broadmead Avenue, Pinewood Road and Greenfield Avenue	5 th and 6 th Sept
Lindsay Avenue	From Beech Avenue to Birchfield Road East	Use Beech Avenue and Birchfield Road East	12 th and 13 th Sept
Longland Avenue	From Fillingdale Avenue to The Headlands	Use The Headlands, Broadway East, Sandiland Road and Fillingdale Avenue	15 th and 16 th Sept
Mayfield Road	From Broadmead Avenue to Greenfield Avenue	Use Broadmead Avenue, Pinewood Road and Greenfield Avenue	7 th and 8 th Sept
Norman Road	From Wellingborough Road to Birchfield Road East	Use Birchfield Road East, Beech Avenue and Wellingborough Road	21 st and 22 nd Sept
Pinewood Road	From Broadmead Avenue to Greenfield Avenue	Use Broadmead Avenue, Greenfield Road and Greenfield Avenue	6 th and 7 th Sept
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, NORTHAMPTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads, Northampton as specified in the Schedule below.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 15th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the roads will be restricted as follows:-

Gowerton Road – from the 8th to 20th August.
Caswell Road, Rhosili Road and Pavilion Drive on the 21st of August and 11th of September 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:
Gowerton Road – use Salthouse Road and Caswell Road.
Caswell Road, Rhosili Road and Pavilion Drive – use A45, Bedford Road, Lilput Road, Burryport Road and Salthouse Road.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/298

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp on 01604-883400.

SCHEDULE

(Lengths of roads to be closed)
Gowerton Road - from Landimore Drive roundabout to Salthouse Road roundabout.
Caswell Road - from A45 to Gowerton Road roundabout.
Rhosili Road - from Caswell Road roundabout to Kilvey Road.
Pavilion Drive - from Caswell Road roundabout to entrance to Barclaycard.

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(IRTHLINGBOROUGH ROAD, FINEDON &
WELLINGBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY 40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding at a speed exceeding 40mph along that length of Irlthlingborough Road, Finedon and Wellingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Irlthlingborough Road, Finedon and Wellingborough from de-restriction signs to east of Leyland Trading Estate to 270 metres west of Sidegate Lane.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during construction of signalised junction and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted up to the 18th of October 2016.

Dated this 11th day of August 2014

QUENTIN BAKER

Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/344

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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PITSFORD ROAD, MOULTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Pitsford Road, Moulton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Pitsford Road, Moulton from the junction of Boughton Road to The Laurels.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repair to BT network.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th September 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for two days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Pitsford Road, Moulton Road, High Street, Harborough Road, Vyse Road, Humfrey Lane and Moulton Lane.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
THE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011
APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- N/2016/0662** 22 Rothersthorpe Crescent, Northampton, NN4 8JD
Change of use to Gym (Use Class D2) (Retrospective application)
• APPLICATION DOES NOT ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
- N/2016/0879** 18 Glebe Farm Close, Northampton, NN4 0NR
Single storey side extension
• AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA.
- N/2016/0950** 46 Hazelwood Road, Northampton, NN1 1LN
Change of use from Office (Use Class B1) to a single family dwelling (Use Class C3) to include replacement of windows to timber frames and entrance door to front elevation
• WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
- N/2016/0952** 29 Main Road, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6JF
Listed Building Consent Application to demolish and rebuild single storey extension to side of main building and single storey extension including minor alterations to existing rear kitchen extension, new retaining wall and steps to rear, remove existing rear window and replace with doors and reduce ground level
• WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA • LISTED BUILDING
- N/2016/0953** 29 Main Road, Duston, Northampton, NN5 6JF
Demolish and rebuild single storey extension to side of main building and single storey extension including minor alterations to existing rear kitchen extension
• WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA • LISTED BUILDING
- N/2016/0965** 14 Perry Street, Northampton, NN1 4HP
Change of use from single dwelling (Use Class C3) to house of multiple occupation (Use Class C4) for 4 residents
• WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
- N/2016/0995** Arnold House, 56 Lorne Road, Northampton, NN1 3RN
Conversion of existing factory into 11no. one bedroom apartments. Part demolition of existing building to rear and new window openings to Lorne Road elevation (Resubmission of planning permission N/2013/0174)
• WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
- N/2016/0998** 4 Dallington Green, Northampton, NN5 7HW
New Boundary wall and pier to front (retrospective)
• AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING. • WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
- N/2016/1021** Land At Former 31, Ash Street, Northampton
Variation of Conditions 2 and 7 of planning permission N/2015/1379 (erection of apartment block for 10 flats) to change layout/outlook and amenity of the scheme including revised bin storage position
• APPLICATION DOES NOT ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. • MAJOR APPLICATION. • WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
- Members of the public may inspect copies of any application, plans and any other documentation submitted by visiting the Council Offices, One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively the plans can be viewed via the Council's website (www.northampton.gov.uk) using the Search for Planning Applications page. This will also tell you the current status of the application together with other useful information. Anyone who wishes to make representations about any applications should write to the Planning Division, Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE or email plan.appl@northampton.gov.uk by 1 September 2016
- S P Boyes, Director – Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning Northampton Borough Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COTTESBROOKE ROAD, HASELBACH & KETTERING ROAD, WALGRAVE)
(30 MPH LIMIT) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 82 & 83 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of road as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, Northampton during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

This Order will become effective on the 12th August 2016.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER,
Director of Law and Governance
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SCHEDULE

Haselebach – Cottesbrooke Road, between its junction with Maidwell Road and a point 350 metres south of that junction.

Walgrave – Kettering Road, between a point 275 metres east of its junction with Jubilee Drive and a point 330 metres east of that junction.

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Local Authority Notices

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WHITTLEBURY ROAD, DEANSHANGER)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Whittlebury Road, Deanshanger as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Whittlebury Road, Deanshanger from A422 to Glebe Road.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway patching and associated works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th August 2016 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Deanshanger Road, A413, A422, Stratford Road, High Street, Little London and Folly Road.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/T16/305

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH SB22 (PART) – PARISH OF TOWCESTER)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 18th February 2016 and which came into effect on 18th February 2016 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 18th August 2019 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said footpath is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required as it's a construction site whilst works take place.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

QUENTIN BAKER
Director of Law & Governance

PKG/ROW/242

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders" in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Melanie Copley on 01604 610115.

SCHEDULE

(Length of footpath to be closed)

The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP6957 4751. The route travels generally south west for approximately 406 metres to point B at NGR SP6953 4712. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP6957 4751. The route travels generally south east for approximately 455 metres to point C at NGR SP6962 4720. The route then travels generally south west for approximately 121 metres to point B at NGR SP6953 4712. The route is shown by a broken black line between points A – C – B.

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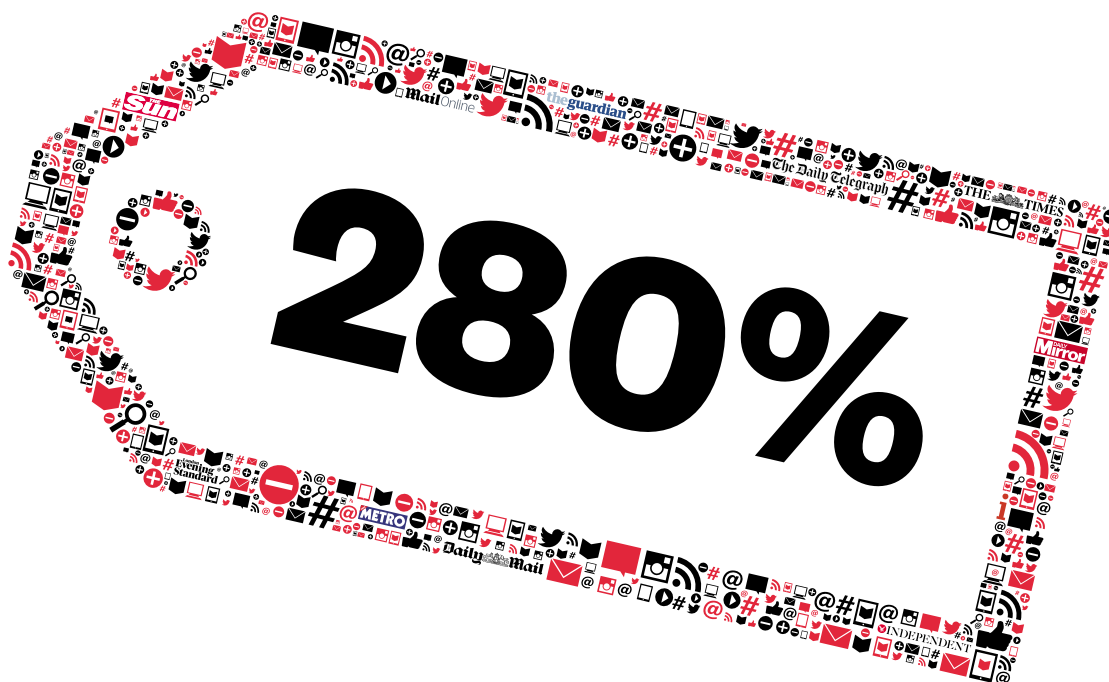
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BEV 32, 5ft, petite, very pretty, trendy with a great figure and big personality, loves animals, children and WLTW fun male to be my soul mate. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423473

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CARRIE single 29yr old slim pretty Care Assistant, looking for a fun guy for nights in/out, good times, love and laughter. Give me a ring. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423489

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CAROLINE, slim attractive 40's fit female, OHAC, divorced and ready to be romanced again, seeks similar minded male. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423301

KERRY, 35yrs, married in open relationship, attractive, tall, slim and very presentable. Seeks discreet gent any age for casual pleasurable encounters. Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 422363

CAROL, 38, slim gorgeous brunette with lots of interests looking to put some romance back into life, seeking willing male to spoil rotten and love. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423439

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715

FELICITY, well educated, sophisticated lady, 38yrs, unhappily married and looking for a distraction with a man 30+, must be discreet. Text Only Box: 4023417

BLACK, attractive cultured lady seeks white gentleman, age 40-60 for friendship first perhaps LTR later. Text only Mailbox: 5511784

LAURA, single mum, 29yrs, blue eyed blonde, fair skinned, pretty. Lonely and seeking adult company when the kids are in bed! ACA. Text Only Box: 4161735

JANE, very attractive blonde, own house in lovely village, car etc, loves travel to sunny places, entertaining, exercise WLTW male with similar interests. Text only Mailbox: 5430085

ATTRACTIVE energetic mature lady, looking for well-travelled, solvent companion for holidays, dining out and days away. Text only Mailbox: 5502846

SHEILA, beautiful lady, the colour of the sun, I am brown, I am looking for somebody caring, honest, loving, solvent, somebody who wants a serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422689

ABI 40yr old very happily divorced female looking for similar male 35-50yrs to enjoy nights in romancing, chatting and making each other smile again. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423255

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399

55 year old female looking for friendship, meals out, coffee, chats, work part time and career for parent. Text only Mailbox: 5517508

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375

CATHY attractive 35yr singleton, varied interests, looking for trustworthy male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423231

LORRAINE attractive solvent brunette, 34yrs, own house/car with gent any age, looks unimportant but must have GSOH. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 422415

I am a white caring lady, a young 55, seeking a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. Text only Mailbox: 5518879

SABINA, 35, outgoing attractive brunette, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423003

KATHY 40ish, passionate, outgoing, adventurous red haired lady looking for adventure, seeks tall good looking guy for a relaxed no strings relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423005

BROWN eyed brummie female 65 smoker likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out, WLTW male 66 - 73 for LTR. Text only Mailbox: 5501142

SINGLE tall blonde, 30yrs, bored of life's mundane routines looking for some discreet fun with likeminded man, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423089

CAROL, 44, brunette with plenty of spare time on her hands seeks special mature male for fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423057

JULIE, petite, slim, attractive blonde young looking early 40's, enjoys winning, dining, theatre seeking good looking romantic male, 45-55, for mutual spoiling. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422709

TINA, 43, young looking attractive single female looking for love, with similar lonely heart resorting to advertising in the hope of finding love. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 421613

ANNE, 40, pretty professional fun female with great curves, looking for fun and romance with down to earth male looking for similar. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422711

CILLA, 40, tall blue eyed size 12 brunette, loves horses, country/leisure walks, cosy nights in front of fire, good wine/food, WLTW similar male who appreciates my interests. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422009

NICOLA 32yr old slim sexy single mum looking for fun times maybe more with similar open-minded uncomplicated companion. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422487

male seeking

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YOUNG looking 30s male, five foot eight, slim, blonde hair, blue-eyes, looking for naughty 40s female, for adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420513

MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

WILLIAM, 65 and young looking, fit and active, WLTW a slim, attractive Chinese/Asian lady, 35-50, for LTR and more. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 423041

TALL attractive male, 56, looking to meet a mature woman, size 18 plus, any age, for close fun times. Text only Mailbox: 5410860

ROGER young minded, 67, very adventurous, looking for a lady 40 years old upwards who is smart and would like to enjoy times with me. Text only Mailbox: 5350823

IAN, 56, kind hearted, likes anything in life, WLTW female early to late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

TALL male 31, black hair, blue eyes, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 304387

BEN, kind caring gent, 37yrs, very tall and well built with curly black hair. Own home, good job, just missing a special lady. Text Only Box: 4158248

RETIRED widower, 57", slim salt/pepper hair, quite active, interests vary, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, seeks mature lady for friendship. Text only Mailbox: 4906469

RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cams area. Text only Mailbox: 4886067

MALE, 56, kind-hearted would like to meet female early or late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

FIT mechanic, looking for females any age for friends with benefits arrangement. Text only Mailbox: 4605333

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MALE, 71, fit, smart, seeks Cambs, Suffolk, Norfolk lady, for days in and out, fun times, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 420929

BOB young at heart active 66 yr old widower, genuine, honest, caring and considerate gent with a good SOH WLTW a genuine lady, similar age. Text only Mailbox: 5503258

MATURE male seeking fun times, Coventry area. Text only Mailbox: 4830151

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MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422995

MICHAEL, from Cambridge, 5ft8, looking for a lady who would like a good time. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 422979

MID 50's male, seeks attractive, black female, any age for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 384483

TALL male 56, seeks close adult fun with open-minded woman, 40 to 75, any status or size. Text only Mailbox: 5410860

52 yr old male, average build, fit, lonely, seeks a lady for fun times, LTR, soul mate, or discreet dates, can travel. Text only Mailbox: 5418572

MALE 68, easygoing, semi retired, likes walking, cinema, eating out, driving, watching most sports, WLTW lady 55+. Text only Mailbox: 4856527

gay seeking

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60YR old bi male, looking for similar bi/CD male in Northampton area only for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 406401

63YR old bi male seeks Asian male for lots of fun times. Text only Mailbox: 4172093

BI male 59 seeks males 40 to 65 for friendship near Tamworth. Text only Mailbox: 4355756

58YR old slim, Northampton bi male, seeks similar bi/CD male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 399445

50YR old bi male, seeks bi/CD for lots of fun and games. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 405835

ATTRACTIVE bi male, 60, seeks similar bi/CD for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4432 Box No: 406035

GAY feminine female, blue eyes, GSOH, WLTW caring fem female for friendship or LTR. No children. Text only Mailbox: 5448522

Friends

MELANIE 47 seeks straight female friends for nights out, pubs, clubs, concerts, etc. Text only mailbox no: 5345662

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Wakely: Northants back on the map

CRICKET

Northamptonshire Steelbacks 135-3 beat Middlesex 132-7 by seven wickets

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Northamptonshire captain Alex Wakely said his side produced the complete performance during their comprehensive victory over Middlesex in the quarter finals of the T20 Blast on Tuesday, which booked their place at Finals Day for the third time in four years.

A fine bowling display, which saw Rory Kleinveldt take 3-24, restricted Middlesex to a below-par total before Adam Rossington's unbeaten 67 guided Northants home with few alarms and with 11 deliveries to spare.

It means yet another trip to Edgbaston for the competition's final stages for Wakely's men and the skipper was proud of his side, who he said have put Northants back on map, coming through a group stage riddled with injuries, but with many a match winner in their ranks.

"It's a really good feeling right now, proud of what we have achieved. Obviously we haven't won anything yet but to get back there, put Northants on the map - again people forgot us and hopefully people take us a bit more seriously now," he said.

"Three out of four is pretty good for a small club like Northants, everyone writes us off all



GETTING CLOSER: Alex Wakely celebrates with Northants wicket taker Seekkuge Prasanna

the time and no-one gives us a chance but we're there now and if we can keep playing the cricket we're doing people are going to start noticing Northants.

"We bowled brilliantly, we talked about bowling a hard length regardless of the pitch and Rosso was so calm out there, I'd say that's the

best innings he played so far for us, he was calm and put his foot down at the right time and I think today was a complete performance.

"Someone's always stepped up to the plate, someone's always played that match-winning innings, got the early wickets or took that catch and that's the best thing about this team, it

really is a team. There's so much talent anyone can win us a game at any moment.

"We have had lots of injuries, we've had lots of changes of personnel in different roles in the team, we've had to have different people taking the new ball, different people opening the batting, different people in the middle order and it's testament to this team that someone has always come in and performed."

Having won the title in 2013 and lost in the final 12 months ago, after a semi-final defeat back in 2009, Wakely is now determined for his side to go the whole way, and is confident the Steelbacks can beat whoever is put in front of them.

With Finals Day being staged at Edgbaston once more, Wakely described the Birmingham venue as feeling like a second home, and hopes that familiarity can help once more.

He said: "The club's aim is to get to Finals Day and now we've got there we want to win it. I've been three times now and gone through everything, lost a semi-final, lost a final and won a final, so hopefully get that gold again. It's a great day, probably one of the best in the domestic set up.

"We've been in the same changing room every time so far, so hopefully we get designated that again. We love going there, it almost feels a bit of a home ground for us, but we haven't achieved anything yet.

"It's a great achievement to get to Finals Day but there's no worse feeling than losing like we did last year, so we want to go one better."

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Brookes wants high standards to be met

SAINTS

If Kieran Brookes wasn't already fully aware of the high standards set at Northampton Saints, the disappointment of finishing fifth in the Premiership amongst their squad will have confirmed as much.

It was actually the highest league finish of Brookes' career in what was the England prop's first campaign at Franklin's Gardens after signing from Newcastle Falcons the previous summer.

Unfortunately for Saints,

it was also the first time they were unable to finish in the top four, and therefore qualify for the play-offs, since the 2008/09 season, despite an upturn in form after the New Year.

In the end, their indifferent start to the campaign gave them a tightrope too precarious to keep balance on, with the squad knowing this has to be different next season.

Brookes said: "It was the highest up the table I've ever come and all of the lads were still very disappointed. Obviously I was too, but we know it's something to build on next sea-

son. We've got three new signings, with Louis [Picamoles], Nic Groom etc. coming in and hopefully we can build from where we left off last season.

"Finishing fifth is not as bad as I'm used to, but the standards we set at the club are high and to not make it into a final or not make it into the top four was disappointing.

"We reviewed last season and we've worked on things we felt we needed to work on and now we're looking to take it into the season."

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Tough going for young Saints in Coventry

RUGBY SEVENS

Northampton Saints' Academy coach Paul Diggin admitted that losing a few key players to the first team's French training camp cost his side at the Singha Premiership Rugby 7s finals at the Ricoh Arena last Sunday. Saints crashed out of the Plate at the semi-final stage as they went down 40-10 to a strong Cardiff Blues side that had topped Group A in qualifying.

They had already been humbled 38-12 to Group B winners Exeter Chiefs in the Cup quarter-finals,

having qualified as runners-up in Group C in front of a home crowd at Franklin's Gardens the previous week.

And without the likes of Howard Packman, Tom Collins, James Grayson, Sam Oliver, and Sion Bennett - who had shone in the group stages, Diggin knew his side were always going to be up against it.

"It's not ideal for us," he admitted. "Our first team are away so we've lost a lot of quality players, but we had some great guys come in to help us out today.

"They played some good sevens, and there's been

great sevens on show all day, especially in that last game from Cardiff Blues who played some exceptional stuff.

"Exeter had some serious players, so that was always going to be a tough one for us, but it's a great opportunity. We've had about five or six under-17s playing today so it's been good experience for them.

"George Furbank, the captain, did some good things out there today. We got to see Joe Green come on, one of our under-18s players, who has some great footwork. It's a good stepping stone for them."

Nyatanga hopes loan brings a fresh start

COBBLERS

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Lewin Nyatanga is targeting a regular place in the Northampton Town defence after joining the Cobblers on a season-long loan from Barnsley, a move he described as an 'easy decision'.

The 27-year-old centre back will have to wait until the weekend at the earliest for his Cobblers debut, however, due to being ineligible to play against his parent club in the EFL Cup first round tie at Oakwell earlier in the week.

A Wales international, with 34 caps to his name, Nyatanga has spent the majority of his career in the Championship, with Derby and Bristol City, before dropping to League One with Barnsley, and having trained with his new teammates, believes they have what it takes to make the step up.

An ever present during the first half of Barnsley's League One campaign last season, he was reduced to an unused substitute role under new manager Paul Heckingbottom after Christmas and is now looking forward to getting regular game time at the Cobblers.

"You see what this team did last year, see the squad they've got, I spoke to the manager and at the end of the day it was quite an easy decision," he said on moving to Sixfields. "The fact that they were champions of League Two, that stood out, some of the players here I've played with before so definitely a club on the up which is a good sign."

"It was important for me to move on and get some games under my belt. Last season I played 28 games but the season before I played every game so that's my aim, to play in every game possible."

"He [Rob Page] was interested in me for a while, so it's up to me now to show my worth, bed down in the team and work with the rest of the players to do the best we can this season."

"Every level has its increase in quality and tempo and so on but what I've seen of this team I think they're well capable of making the step up."

Cobblers boss Rob Page said Nyatanga's experience will be a valuable asset to his squad, and is still targeting a couple more new faces to complete his squad, but admitted he may have to patient to secure them.

He said: "In an ideal world we'd like another couple of bodies in the building, we are in the process of trying to get them in. It's a frustrating process at times as you can have targets and for whatever reason it doesn't materialise."

Late and great for Town as O'Toole snatches win

COBBLERS

BARNSELEY 1
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2 (AET)

BY MATT WRIGHT
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John-Joe O'Toole sealed a dramatic extra-time victory for Northampton Town at Championship side Barnsley to send the Cobblers through to the second round of the EFL Cup on Tuesday night.

Rob Page's men had to dig deep and absorb plenty of pressure in the extra half-hour, but it appears the battling qualities that characterised them last season are well in truly still there as they gave themselves of drawing one of the Premier League big boys.

It was all a bit too easy for Barnsley when they took the lead after 20 minutes, as Josh Scowen was able to sneak a header at the near post from Adam Hammill's free kick, which gave Adam Smith no chance.

The hosts found things comfortable after what had in truth been a decent start from the Cobblers, who found it difficult to gain much of a foothold.

But they were gifted an equaliser seven minutes after the restart when Gabriel Zakuani's header from Matt Taylor's corner was deflected into the air and Barnsley 'keeper Adam Davies somehow fumbled into his own net.

Smith then pushed out a curling effort from Hammill before Davies partially redeemed himself by making a brave block at the feet of Zander Diamond as the match went into extra time.

Stefan Payne almost struck in the second minute of it, as his thunderous drive from 25 yards came crashing back off the bar, but the Cobblers led for the first time with six minutes left.

Again it came from a Taylor corner and it was O'Toole - one of the heroes of last year's promotion - who rose highest to power in a header at the back post.

Here's what we learned from the game...



HAVING A LAUGH: Alex Revell cannot believe the Cobblers' luck after their bizarre equaliser against Barnsley

The Gaffer

Rob Page looks to be giving combinations a chance to develop after making only one change from Saturday's draw with Fleetwood, as Alfie Potter replaced Marc Richards.

It meant a switch to a 4-2-3-1 formation that brought so much success last season, although O'Toole was pushed further forward after Barnsley took control in the first half.

It took a while for the change to take effect, but the Cobblers looked more fired up in the second half onwards and introducing Sam Hoskins improved the link-up play.

On the plus side

Gabriel Zakuani has a nose for danger, as the man signed from Peterborough during the summer was almost constantly the first man on the scene around his own

area.

He and Diamond seem to have struck a decent understanding in the early goings and it'll be interesting to see where Lewin Nyatanga fits in. Still, the Cobblers will need the cover he'll bring.

We also saw the first glimpses of O'Toole finding last season's form after he was given more of a free role in the second half.

Football funnies

Chris Neal's own goal benefitted Town at the weekend, but the Fleetwood 'keeper couldn't have done much about that, unlike Davies on the leveller, which changed the dynamic of the game.

All it needed was for the Barnsley stopper to play it safe and push the ball over his own bar after Zakuani's deflected header looped awkwardly. How he flapped it into his own net was actually more difficult.

The opposition

Barnsley have some good technical players, with Hammill always looking most likely to cause problems to the Northampton defence.

The visitors managed to get to grips with the Tykes in the second half and they eventually made them pay for missing too many chances.

Man of the match - Gabriel Zakuani

As previously mentioned, he was a rock at the back who kept keeping Barnsley at bay and not for the first time, looked like an excellent acquisition by Page.

The talk from Posh fans about him being potentially over-the-hill is looking premature on this showing and hopefully there are much more like it to come as he continues to make a fine first impression at Sixfields.

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Cobblers shock the Tykes in cup

FOOTBALL

Northampton Town manager Rob Page believed his players showed glimpses of what he is trying to build during their 2-1 victory over Championship side Barnsley in the EFL Cup on Tuesday night.

The Cobblers began tentatively at Oakwell, as they fell behind and went over half an hour without really threatening their opponents from the division above.

But they were revitalised after being handed an equaliser through a calamitous own goal by Barnsley goalkeeper Adam Davies and gave as good as they got in attack for the rest of the match, including extra time.

It eventually brought its reward with six minutes left, as John-Joe O'Toole powered in a header that sent them into the second round and gave Page his first competitive win as Town boss.

Page said: "We went with a three in the middle of the park and it obviously worked for us - at times they went to an out and out 4-4-2 so we then had to utilise that third man in the middle of the park.

"When you've got someone like Matty Taylor, with his quality and knowledge of the game, it certainly helps on the pitch. [Harry] Beautyman, with his energy and range of passing he gives you, is fantastic as well so I think you've seen glimpses of it now.

"We're still a work in progress - we're getting there and at times we had to defend for our lives and Gabs [Zakuan] and Zander Diamond were outstanding throwing themselves in front of shots.

"Sometimes you have to ride your luck, but you create your own sort of fortune and we deserved the win at the end."

It was just the fillip Northampton needed ahead of their trip to Charlton Athletic at the weekend, which could see them up against former midfielder Ricky Holmes.

■ Read more on page 59.

ALL-OUT
ASSAULT: Adam
Rossington put
Middlesex to the
sword on
Tuesday night



CRICKET

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Adam Rossington came back to bite his former county as his half-century guided Northants into Finals Day of the NatWest T20 Blast with a quarter final victory over Middlesex, and while he spoke of his personal satisfaction, he was delighted to get his side over the line.

Rossington's 67 off 53 balls ensured Northants made light work of chasing 133 as the former Middlesex man smashed four sixes in his 53-ball knock, an innings that controlled the run-chase alongside Ben Duckett.

Rory Kleinveldt, Richard Gleeson and Seekkuge Prasanna all impressed with the ball as the visitors were restricted to 132-7, and Rossington

said their display had made for a comfortable run chase as the Steelbacks booked their place at Edgbaston a week on Saturday.

"It's really satisfying, the most important thing is we get over the line but it's always nice to be there at the end having seen the team home," he said.

"It's nice to win against your old team but more importantly it's about Northants and about us being at Finals Day again.

"We took early wickets which always helps and then carried on taking wickets throughout the innings, managed to slow the rate right down and then chasing we lost a couple of early wickets but we managed to build a partnership and win the game comfortably in the end.

"I think we had a bit more time than normal [in the chase], we could take the game deep and just knock the ball around, didn't have to look for the boundary, just pick it up as and when it

came and then one big over got us over the line. "Ben's playing really well at the minute, he kept managing to find the boundaries and tick the score over, that took the pressure off me and got us into a real strong position."

It will be a third appearance in four years at Finals Day for Northants, having won the trophy in 2013 before losing in the final 12 months ago and Rossington said the players are keen to ensure they go one better this time around.

"It's brilliant, it's really important for the club and all the lads, can't wait for Finals Day to come around and hopefully go one better this year.

"We're going to go there to win it, it's now two games of cricket away and Finals Day obviously is a massive day, it's about putting in two big performances and hopefully that'll be enough for us to be the champions."

■ Read more about the match on page 58.

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